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£10,000 is secured from Tesco for community running track

ABOVE: Pupils from Y Bont Faen, Chloe Dennis, Ella Davis, Elis, Joseff and Finlay Floyd (Tanya's three children), and a member of Tesco staff.

A RUNNING track at Y Bont Faen Primary School, dedicated to the memory of Tanya Floyd, whose sudden death shocked the community last year, is now a step closer.

Julia Adams, the headteacher, said: "We are delighted to announce that thanks to the tremendous support we have received from the local community, voting with their tokens at local Tesco stores, we have been awarded £10,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help fund."

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SIX WINS OUT OF SIX FOR COWBRIDGE UNDER-10S!

"WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS - AGAIN!"

ABOVE: Cowbridge RFC under-10s were celebrating on Sunday as they won the Abergavenny tournament – and it was their sixth tournament win in six competitions!
See more pictures and a full report from the tournament on page 4.

National Assembly Election sees public go to the polling station

AS The GEM was hitting the streets, people were heading for the polls to vote in the election for the National Assembly for Wales, with voting closing at 10pm.

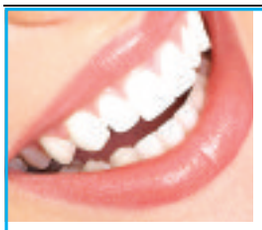
Electors will have three votes to cast: One will be to elect their constituency member. Last week's GEM carried details of the six candidates.

The second vote is to elect regional members, and political parties are listed in this case, rather than individuals.

Vale voters can expect to see about a dozen parties listed – the parties who have an individual candidate standing will be there, as will those parties who are not putting up a candidate in the Vale. Votes cast in this section will determine who become the regional Assembly Members.

The third vote is for the post of Police Commissioner for South Wales.

There are five candidates: Mike Baker, Independent; Tim Davies, Welsh Conservatives; Alun Michael, Welsh Labour; Linet Purcell, Plaid Cymru; Judith Woodman, Welsh Liberal Democrats.



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A touch of Japan in Llantwit!

The Japanese garden at Knightsbridge.

OPENING this month for the National Gardens Scheme is Knightsbridge, 21 Monmouth Way, Boverton, Llantwit Major (CF61 2GT).

This is a Japanese garden with a Zen gate, Torri gate and Japanese lanterns featuring a large collection of Japanese style trees, which include an English elm, oak, larch, a pagoda and three water features, including the great Amazon waterfall.

The garden scheme raises money for nursing and 'caring' charities.

Opening on Sunday, May 15 (11am-5pm). Admission £3, children free. Home-made teas.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Diabetes Group

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group meets on Tuesday, May 17 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm–9pm. The speaker will be Scott Cawley, Podiatry, Cardiff and Vale UHB – talking about podiatry issues.

Plant sale

A PLANT sale is being held on Sunday, May 15 from 12pm – 3pm in St Hilary village hall; proceeds to St Hilary village fund.

Folk/Pop in Bridgend

CANADIAN folk-pop artist JP Hoe is excited to announce his return to the UK this May with a string of live dates, and will be heading to Hobos Music Venue in Bridgend on Wednesday, May 22.

JP Hoe's latest record release, *Hideaway* (2015), is 'personal, raw and completely uplifting'.

JP released the first single 'Beautifully Crazy' from the album late last year.

Clothes bank

BARRY Community clothes bank has men's, women's and children's clothing and footwear; bedding and bric-a-brac. Open Mondays and Thursdays 10am – 2pm (closed on school holidays) at The Old Post Office Cafe, 239 Holton Road.

Also at The People's Centre, Dunlin Court, Barry on Fridays 11am – 1pm (closed school holidays).

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Reader opposes the merger of Cadoxton school and nursery

I AM writing to object to the proposed closure of Cadoxton Nursery School. I have many concerns about the ability of Cadoxton Primary School taking over its responsibilities.

All three of my children attended Cadoxton Nursery School and I was delighted with the standard of teaching, the ethos of the nursery and the specialised expertise of the whole educational nature of three and four-year-old needs.

Cadoxton Nursery School has always, and in their latest ESTYN reports, achieved excellent outcomes in the official reports. Indeed the outcomes always exceed the outcomes of the primary school.

This, I strongly believe, is because of the vital specialised knowledge and skills of the staff, and specialised nursery leadership of the nursery head. Any merger of the establishments would have the very real and disturbing danger of the nursery standards being 'dumbed down'.

In an area of the town which in parts is socially deprived, the early years nature of three and four year olds must surely be of the prime importance. The best possible start for the children of the area will give them the best chance of progressing in life.

Therefore it is not possible to argue that the proposed merger is of any educational benefit at all.

Recent studies in the education of three and four-year-olds have highlighted the need for specialised nursery teaching. It is vital for the development of children and this is what the 'stand alone' Cadoxton Nursery provides.

The proposed closure of Cadoxton Nursery School would show the abject failure of the council to recognise the vital and unique role Cadoxton Nursery School has provided and should still provide to the children of the area.

Rob Clee, Barry.

'Misunderstanding over vet bill'

THE outstanding efforts of local residents to re-mobilise Jemima the duck and to monitor her continued care is indeed a fine example of a wonderful 'community' effort.

What a pity the kind offer of a donation from the lovely young mums, who regularly visit Jemima with their young children, went unrecognised because of a misunderstanding regarding the 'duck bill' vet payment.

Perhaps they should direct their generous offer to another cause where I'm sure it would be gratefully received.

A long standing Llantwit resident

'Barry needs litter wardens'

BARRY is declining into a disgusting state. There is not a street in the town where dog fouling is not present.

Holton Road is like a dogs' toilet at times, and the pavements of Holton Road need replacing in areas around the King Square post office area.

The litter is getting worse. Take a walk down the steps to Morrisons over Gladstone Road bridge and have a look in the Civic Offices by the gap between Western Power station and the wall area where people have ditched rubbish.

Bring back the litter wardens; 20 of them all around the town area may cost in the beginning but will pay in the end.

Mr P Rees, Barry.

'Thank you'

THE coffee morning in aid of Parkinson's Cymru held in the Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Saturday, April 23, raised a total of £900.

This marvellous sum was raised from monies taken and received from private donors. Our thanks to you all for your generosity.

A special thanks to the following local businesses for their help; Pat Jerome Car Care, Brynawel Garden Centre, Thompson Butchers, Lana Boutique, Windsor Arcade Sweet Shop, Shaws, Beauty Within, Wood Street Post Office, Williams Bakery, Starbucks and Starbucks Drive Thru.

Mary Thomas, Penarth.

Bring back the Bustler

A FEW Christmases ago I stood for two hours on snowy ground at the new bus stop in Cardiff Road – no shelter available – waiting for a bus to Penarth.

Private cars passed me, nose to tail, none thinking to offer a lift of course. I stood there dreaming of those years when I lived in Barry and could flag down or get off those wonderful, frequent little Bustler buses whenever I needed them.

How often have I sung their praises to people while I have wasted my life away at bus stops. I shall be 88 next month and each hour of life is precious.

On that snowy day I cried my way home, cursing myself for not having walked over the fields, done some shopping and been back at home in comfort instead of being so stupid as to think I could expect to catch a bus. I certainly wondered how many of the non-stop drivers would have left their vehicles at home if that little Bustler had still been about.

At home I found a complaints telephone number. My enquiry was dealt with swiftly and efficiently. It seems that when the bus reached Barry the driver had gone over his time. Quite rightly they took him off, BUT they thought fit to remove the vehicle as well!

Now that was very distressing but there was more to come. I assumed the delay had been because of the snow, but no – it had been because of the amount of traffic on the roads!

Do I have to spell it out that with Bustlers doing their job, many of those drivers might have been glad to make use of them?

If another reason is needed, how often do passengers hold their breath as the great big buses try to weave their way around housing estates and between parked cars – what a ludicrous world we live in!

Name and address supplied.

'Thank you for saving my life'

THIS week I had the privilege of meeting Mr Mark Jones of Wick, while walking my dog.

About 18 months ago, I was walking my (then new) dog on a lead on the coastal path near my home. The dog gave a sudden unexpected jerk to the right, and this toppled me over into a gully at the side of the path, banging my head against a stone at its bottom, and knocking me out.

Mark saw this happen and took over.

He pulled my tongue forward so that I could breathe, hauled me to sit on a nearby bench, found my telephone, rang my wife, who told him I was taking the drug Warfarin.

He rang for the ambulance, my wife came to be with me, and brought neighbours who took over the dog's care.

The ambulance took my wife and I to Accident and Emergency at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

At A&E I had immediate attention, including a head scan to make sure my brain was not bleeding, and I was discharged after three hours, when they were sure I would be OK.

I was particularly pleased to meet Mark again. It was good to be able to thank him for doing exactly the right things at the right time – which probably saved my life. I would like his perfect deed recognised.

Robin Eggleston, Ogmore-by-Sea.

'GARDEN BAGS SHOULD BE RETURNED'

AS one of the few residents in the Gibbonsdown area who tries to keep my garden up to a reasonable standard, I am fed up of buying gardening bags which once emptied, are never returned.

I hate to think how much I have spent over these last few years replacing these so-called returnable bags.

Would one of these so-called council workers explain to me what is so difficult about returning an empty bag back to the house they picked it up from?

Mr W Foran, Barry.

'Fewer tall ships than quoted'

THE GEM of April 21 contained an article 'Work of the Tall Ships Trust' that I think is rather misleading. It stated "There are 150 Tall Ships still sailing".

In strict sailing nomenclature, a ship is a vessel full-rigged on three or four masts.

There are about eight ships afloat today such as the *Amerigo Vespucci, Christian Radich*, et al.

However, given all eight vessels have engines, they are officially motor vessels. None are rigged as a Tall Ship, that is, having sail above the royals e.g. skysails.

Alan Thorne, Cardiff.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
05 Thur	05.55	9.8	18.16	9.9
06 Fri	06.41	10.3	19.05	10.5
07 Sat	07.29	10.5	19.53	10.6
08 Sun	08.18	10.6	20.39	10.5
09 Mon	09.04	10.3	21.21	10.2
10 Tues	09.51	10.1	22.08	10.0
11 Wed	10.33	9.5	22.54	9.4
12 Thur	11.21	8.9	23.44	8.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Local flower arrangers group in tribute to Lorraine Davey

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club including its president, Mrs Joan Davies, planted an ornamental Japanese flowering cherry tree in remembrance of chairperson, Mrs Lorraine Davey.

Members of the club, parishioners and villagers marked the event outside the south gate of St Hilary Church.

JS

Gordon Woods, Kat Croan and Jamie Brophy.

Make your vote count in Charity Choices campaign

THE European Union referendum won't be the only important vote on the minds of people in Cowbridge as they are called on to cast their ballot in Yorkshire Building Society's 'Charity Choices' campaign.

The society's branch, on the High Street, has £1,000 to split between three local good causes chosen by colleagues and members but who gets the most will be decided by the number of votes received.

The charities in line for a donation are: Cowbridge Gateway Monday Club (Mencap), Latch and Y Bont.

The Charity Choices campaign will launch on Monday, May 9, and run for two weeks. The number of votes received for each charity by Friday, May 20 will determine the amount of money each receives; the one with the most will receive £500, second place will get £300 and £200 will go to the charity in third place.

Kaye Cheeseman, manager of the Yorkshire's Cowbridge branch, said: "We know how important our chosen three charities are to our local community so we're delighted to be making a donation to help them continue their important work – just how much they receive though will be up to our customers and members of the public."

For more information about the Small Change Big Difference® scheme and the Charitable Foundation visit www.ybs.co.uk/charitable foundation.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Llangan School news

AN interesting visit on Thursday, May 12, for the children in years 3-4, who are visiting the Roman museum in Caerleon. They will be accompanied by Mr Edwards.

Saron Chapel, Treoes

THE service which took place on Sunday, May 1, was attended by parishioners from Llangan, Coychurch and Treoes.

A special welcome was extended to Mrs Jean Thomas, who is a resident of Treoes village and is also a keen supporter of the Treoes-based Young At Heart Club and Mrs Nina West, who is now in her mid-90s, and was accompanied by her daughter, Lorraine.

The service was conducted by Rev Philip Denner.

Following the service, the winners of the August 100 Club draw were announced: first, Miss S Murdicia £100; second, Mr Selie and third, Mrs Nancy Davidge £25.

Young At Heart Club

THERE will be no Young At Heart Club on Thursday, May 5, as the hall will be used as a polling station.

Community running track gets funding help

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Julia continued: "This funding will allow us to develop a 50m sprint track on the school grounds, which will be open for use. However, we don't want to stop there, we have aspirations of extending the project to develop a 160m running track around the perimeter of the school field which can be used for running and for children learning to ride a bike."

The school is holding a one-mile fun run around the school and Twt Parc on Friday, May 13. The event will be held from 4pm. The entry fee will be £3 per individual or £5 per family. The application form is available from the school website www.ybontfaen.com, various local shops on Cowbridge High Street. Donations to the running track fund can be made at https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/YBF communityrunningtrack.

Choirs support RNLI

BOIS Goetre-Hen Male Choir and Florida State University Singers are to help support Porthcawl RNLI lifeboat at a concert at All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl, on Friday, May 6.

Richard Howells, choir spokesperson for Bois Goetre-Hen, said: "We chose to support Porthcawl lifeboat, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary in the town, as we are always mindful of the dedication and work the volunteer crews do in saving lives along our coastline."

Tickets for this special concert will be priced at £8 and can be purchased at the church on the night or by following the link, *http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/245761*. The concert will start at 7.30pm, with doors open from 7pm.

Instant home on the common!

AT the April meeting of the Cowbridge Friendship Club, a talk by Stephen Jarvis was entitled 'Welsh Homes of Lesser Distinction', and Stephen started his talk with slides of Insole Court, a Victorian Gothic mansion hidden in the village of Llandaff, Cardiff, built for wealthy businessman J H Insole and dating back to 1855.

It is now in the throes of a makeover by Friends of Insole Court.

Then it was Ty Un Nos (One Night House) an old Welsh tradition which was believed by some that if a person could build a house on common land in one night, where it has to have a fire burning in the hearth by the following morning, then the land belonged to them as a freehold. Originally made of turf and soil with a rough thatched roof some of these buildings are still standing in parts of Wales today.

Then, after a whistle stop tour, it was down to Landshipping in Pembrokeshire, where we saw slides of The Big House which was purchased by Alun Lewis and his partner Claire Thomas; they hope to restore this amazing property back to its original setting and turn it into a family home, and then eventually open a B & B business.

This is a very friendly and happy group. We meet on the last Thursday of every month where transport is provided if required.

So if you or someone you know would like to know more about our Friendship Club, please call 01656 0668446.

PAT SMITH

GRANTS TO HELP LOCAL SCHOLARS

COWBRIDGE History Society is now in a position to offer limited financial support to those undertaking research into the local history of Cowbridge and district.

The purpose of the grants is to help with minor costs for items like photocopying, visits to archives, local fieldwork etc that are part of projects for school examinations or degree level work, for example.

Two categories of grant are available: to those 14 – 18 years of age (maximum £50) and those over 18 (maximum £250). Applicants in the second category do not have to be in full-time education.

Potential applicants should consult the society's website (www.cowbridgehistorysociety.org) at the section Learn with Us/grants. which gives details of how to apply. Applications may be made at any time.

Well done the youth!

I WAS delighted to read of the success of our Cowbridge youth rugby team in winning the Youth Challenge Cup.

Well done boys! What a thrill it must have been to play in the Principality Stadium. We look forward to seeing you continue to play for the first team in time.

Congratulations.

Gwen Baty, Cowbridge.

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Six tournaments out of six for the impressive Cowbridge under-10s!

ON Sunday, Cowbridge RFC under-10s left bright and early on a coach to take part in our final games of the season at the well-established Abergavenny tournament.

They would no doubt be tired after their tremendous exertions winning the tournament in Solihull only last weekend and the cold and damp conditions wouldn't help much either.

The boys didn't seem to mind and were warming up just like they do for every match with massive smiles on their faces and bundles of energy. Maybe it was just the parents that were still tired!

The squad were split into two teams. Cowbridge development team, who had seven teams in their pool, were first up against Lymm from Cheshire.

In a see-saw game we took the lead three times through Paddy Whitestone (2) and Sam Jackson, only to be pegged back each time. There was huge disappointment as we lost on a breakaway in the last play of the game, final score 3-4.

Next up was the home side, Abergavenny, who despite us having most of the possession, managed to break away five times and score on each occasion to win 0-5.

The next game was against the side from Bank of England RFC in London. This was a very close affair, but Bank managed the one and only score to win 0-1.

The following two games were against not only the strongest in our pool, but also amongst the strongest in south Wales, Llanishen and Llantwit Fardre, the latter of whom had won the tournament for the previous two years.

Although they played their hearts out, the opposition proved too strong and we lost 1-4 against Llanishen, with a fantastic solo effort scored by Josh Canning, and 0-5 against Llantwit Fardre.

The boys had Penarth in their final match in the group. Despite knowing that they wouldn't be progressing out of the pool, they were determined not to lose their last game as under-10s and came out, showed their true character and at last enjoyed the 3-0 victory the team had deserved all afternoon.

Tries from Leo Beghini, Jimmy Williams and Joe Davies showed the spirit of the squad and they ended on a high. No other club entered two teams, so the development squad had been really tested playing against the 'A' teams in all their matches.

Cowbridge A only had six teams in their group, all of whom we hadn't played before and started against Gwernyfed from Powys, winning 3-0, with tries from Harry New (2) and Jake Davies.

Next up was the impressive team from Builth Wells, who were unbeaten all season and it showed. It would turn out to be the toughest game the boys have played all year.

They were an extremely strong team and took the lead with a well-constructed try. The boys responded well and replied with one of our own through James Collingridge running an excellent angle.

Neither side gave an inch and the game went into the final minute when Builth broke through our defensive line and it looked to all that they would take the victory, but a last gasp tackle by James Lord stopped the almost certain match-winning score and from the resulting lost ball, Harry scored a fantastic try in the final seconds to win the game 2-1.

The boys then turned on the style, winning 3-1 against St. Juliens from Newport with scores from Harry (2) and James Lord, 4-0 against Dinas Powys through Henry Davies, Harry (2) and George Tuckley and finally 3-1 against Rhumney, Gwent with tries from Osian Bruce, Harry and Joe Artensen.

We topped the pool unbeaten and would contest the final against the winners of the other pool, Llanishen, who we had beaten in the final of the district tournament earlier in the season in a very close game.

This match was to be an even closer affair. It was the final game of the season for both squads and to a boy, they left it all out on the pitch, giving everything.

Although the majority of the match was played in the Llanishen half, the defence stood strong and neither side looked like breaking the deadlock until the forwards, once again, turned over the ball in the ruck as they had been doing all day, gained possession and outside half James C offloaded to scoring machine, Harry New to sprint to the corner for the winning score. We were champions for the sixth time in six tournaments this year.

The squad did very well last year as under-9s, reaching four finals, but unfortunately losing every time. This season has been completely different.

The boys are only split into As and development teams for tournaments, playing as mixed teams for the remainder of the season.

Excluding tournaments, we have played 24 matches during the year, losing only twice, drawing two and winning the other 20.

We have won all six tournaments we have entered this year, starting off in Llantwit Major in September, where during the pool matches the A team suffered their one and only defeat of the season on the way to winning the final.

We next became district champions at the end of September in Llandaff, before taking our first foray over the bridge to win the London Welsh festival in February.

St. Peters in Cardiff was next in March, before our second English tournament win in Solihull a week ago, closing the season out with the fabulous, hard-fought win in Abergavenny last weekend.

To end the season with six cups in the trophy cabinet is an amazing achievement. The entire squad are so talented, enthusiastic, and wanting to learn.

The boys are a pleasure to watch play, which is demonstrated every week by the large numbers of parents on the touchline cheering on the team.

None of their tremendous success could have been achieved without the extremely dedicated set of coaches the boys are lucky to have guiding them.

They not only teach them the skills that led them to the success they have enjoyed on the pitch this season, but also, and more importantly, the life skills of good sportsmanship, teamwork and mutual respect.

It can't be easy trying to control and direct 29 energy-filled, competitive boys, but they do that week in, week out, and a massive congratulations must go to Paul Sheppard, Rhys Phillips, Pete Bruce, Andy Arentsen and Tim Stephenson.

Everyone will now enjoy a well-earned rest over the summer, before starting again as under-11s next season!

Squad: Sam Sheppard, Charlie Berkley-Smith, Will Brennan, Wil Martin, Ollie Gale, Corey Williams, Paddy Whitestone, Osian Bruce, Ned Rees, Joe Funtek, L. Thomas, Harry New, Josh Canning, Joe Davies, James Lord, James Collingridge, Jacob Robson, Henry Whitehouse, Henry Pugh, Henry Davies, George Tuckley, Ben Stephenson, Ioan Phillips, Joe Arentsen, Jimmy Williams, Jake Davies, Sam Jackson, Luc Martin and Leo Beghini.

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The Newport Ship... the 'Mary Rose' of south Wales

ON April 21 2016, Cowbridge U3A History Group welcomed Mr Phil Cox, the chair of the Friends of Newport Ship.

The audience heard an excellent presentation about the vessel found in 2002 in Newport during excavations for the new riverside theatre.

The large merchant ship had been well-preserved by the anoxic river sediment, although the stern had been destroyed by the recent pile driving.

Erroneously called 'the Newport Boat' at times, the vessel was certainly a ship (the old naval adage that 'a ship carries boats' is a good way to remember the difference).

The archaeologists moved in and building work was severely delayed, costing Newport Council £1.2 million.

In August 2002, the site was opened to the public; there were 17,000 visitors on the first day, with up to 10,000 on the second, prompting a successful campaign to preserve the ship.

The vessel had to be de-constructed to remove it from the preserving mud and when the keel was lifted, a skeleton was found.

It proved to be unconnected with the ship; it was that of a young man, who had lived in the 4th century. He had been beheaded and had had his feet cut off, before his body had been put in the Usk, to float downstream to rest in the Newport mud.

Every piece of the 2,000 significant timbers was documented and imaged. Digital reconstruction and analysis indicated a two-decked, three-masted ship at least 35 metres long (over 110 feet), with a beam of around 8 metres (26 feet), weighing 400 tons and capable of carrying 75 tons of cargo. Her crew would have numbered 30-50.

Dendrochronology data was consistent with a vessel built around 1449 in the Basque region of Spain, able to withstand Bay of Biscay storms.

Sometime around 1468, she had ended her career in an inlet of the Usk in Newport.

The recovered timbers were soaked in water, cleaned and then left in solutions of polyethylene glycol (PEG) to preserve them, followed by freeze-drying. This work benefited greatly from knowledge gained during the conservation efforts on Portsmouth's *Mary Rose*.

Artefacts were found: coins, merchants' tokens, an hour glass, screw heads, pottery shards, combs, a knife, parts of a helmet, an archer's wrist brace, and 13 single shoes.

One coin, a French silver petit blanc, identified as minted in 1447, had been set in a timber, probably as a good luck charm during construction.

There were also human fleas, bones (chicken, pig and 17 types of fish), seeds, nuts and various fruits.

A document in the Earl of Warwick's archives names a vessel as the *Marie de Bayonne* at Newport; this may well be the ship found in the mud.

Visitors are welcome to learn more at the Newport Medieval Ship Centre, which is open Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays. See www.newportship.org for the latest details.

As it was the Queen's 90th birthday, an enjoyable meeting concluded with celebratory tea and cakes – a treat welcomed by all.

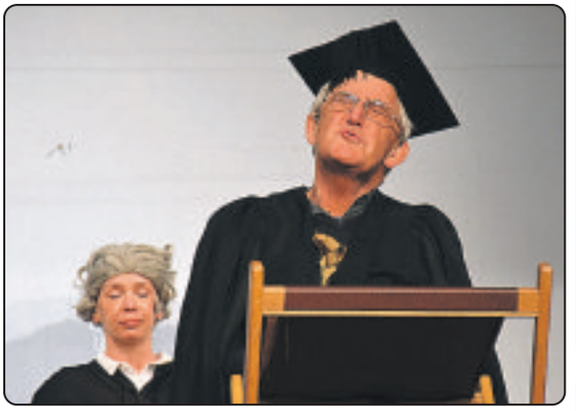
SPM

Ripping Yarns, Dad's Army and show songs entertain villagers of Peterston-super-Ely

PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON

PETERSTON Entertainment Society presented a drama evening on Saturday, April 23, which included a 'Ripping Yarns' sketch, 'Tomkinson's Schooldays', a 'Dad's Army' extract, songs from *South Pacific* and a comedy interlude.

The community hall was packed, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed a lively evening, with all profits shared equally between the church fund and community hall, and the charity 'Wish Upon A Star'.



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WICK YFC CELEBRATES ITS 80TH BIRTHDAY!

Wick YFC celebrated their 80th year as a club.

WICK and District YFC would like to thank everyone who joined them at the Vale Resort last month, for their dinner and dance, to celebrate their 80th year as a club.

With over 200 guests, everyone enjoyed a wonderful night, with unforgettable speeches from the club chairman Mr Tom Edwards, the club president Mr John Lougher and also a special message (all the way from Canada), from past member Mr David Bassett.

The club also welcomed guest speaker Mr Aled Jones of the Royal Agricultural Society, who entertained guests with his charming stories from YFC experience.

Finally, to end the evening, the guests had unstoppable fun with the live band from Usk YFC – Lost and Found!

Wick and District YFC would like to send a special thanks to club leader Charlotte Thomas, along with the 80th committee, who organised a truly memorable evening for the club and the guests.

We would also like to thank the Vale Resort for their excellent service, Liz Evans for arranging the beautiful flowers, and of course, a huge thank you to all sponsors that supported such an important evening for Wick and District YFC.

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

WIFE RECEIVES A SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Pensioner (67) jailed after a £40,000 'scheme' to get benefits

A PAIR of pensioners who carried out a planned scheme to unlawfully obtain benefits of more than £40,000 while having £250,000 in the bank, while one was working, and while they received money from the profits of a sale of a house, have been given prison sentences at Cardiff Crown Court.

Edwin Brain (67), a taxi driver with no previous convictions, was said by Judge Michael Fitton to be "the prime mover" who manipulated accounts and ran the scheme, was jailed for 12 months.

His wife, 71-year-old Lynda Brain was jailed for eight months, the sentence suspended for 18 months.

The couple, from Beechwood Grove, Pencoed, each admitted two charges of fraud.

Said the Judge: "This was fraudulent activity over a seven-year period of time."

The Judge said Edwin Brain had shown little remorse and had said: "There are thousands of other people doing it."

Prosecutor Patrick Llewellyn said the couple falsely obtained more than £40,000 in benefits, failing to indicate a change in their circumstances while having £260,000 in a bank account.

They failed to disclose Edwin Brain's income as a taxi driver and from "unknown sources".

Said Mr Llewellyn: "Mrs Brain failed to disclose a profit of £67,000, the result of a sale of a house in Brynna in 2007."

Christopher Rees, for Lynda Brain, said she was of lesser culpability.

She was genuinely remorseful at what she had done.

He added: "She is of limited means, and is paying £29 a week back."

David Webster, for Edwin Brain, pointed out that he suffered from ill health with a number of conditions.

"He has acknowledged his guilt and repaid some."

Mr Webster said he has currently repaid £4,000. The Judge said that Edwin Brain was the "prime mover" who manipulated the accounts and ran the scheme.

He added: "It could be argued that there had been significant planning."

Brackla man (24) filmed teenager in the shower

A TEENAGE girl felt "utterly violated" when a stranger filmed her when she was naked having a shower, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

The man responsible, Russell Browning (24) of Ton Rhos, Brackla, Bridgend, who had no previous convictions, pleaded guilty to three charges of voyeurism and one of making indecent images of another child.

Judge Niclas Parry said: "This was a serious violation of the privacy of the victims and their dignity."

Browning was sentenced to a community order for three years and made subject to a full month's curfew from 7pm to 6am.

He was ordered to have no unsupervised contact with a child under 18 for five years and to register as a sex offender for five years.

Prosecutor Joanna James said last October, the first girl complained to the police about the actions of Browning on three occasions over three weeks, filming her on a mobile phone through a window.

She later said she had felt "utterly violated". When Browning was arrested, he admitted filming the girl because he wanted to see what she looked like naked.

He also disclosed that he had "inadvertently" indecently filmed another teenage girl.

There was no suggestion, said Ms James, that the images went on the internet.

Browning's solicitor, David Singh, said: "By his pleas, the victims did not have to give evidence. He recognises that what he did was wholly inappropriate and he has paid a heavy price for his actions."

He added that his parents regarded what he did as abhorrent and that his actions were not commercially motivated.

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015

CYNLLUN LLEDDFU LLIFOGYDD TREBEFERED, LLANILLTUD FAWR

Rheoliadau Asesiad Effaith yr Amgylchedd (Gweithfeydd Gwella Draenio Dŵr o'r Tir) 1999 (fel y'u diwygiwyd)

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN ei bod yn fwriad gan Gyngor Bro Morgannwg ('y Cyngor'), yn unol â'r Rheoliadau uchod, ar ei ran ei hun a Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru, i gyflawni'r gweithfeydd gwella isod i ddyfrffos Hoddnant yn Nhrebefered, Llanilltud Fawr.

Mae'n fwriad gwella cynhwysedd cwlferi a rhai adrannau agored o'r dyfrffos, a thrwy hyn ostwng lefel risg llifogydd yn y dyfodol yn y lleoliad hwn drwy ymgymryd â'r gwaith isod:

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• Dymchwel muriau carreg presennol yr afon ar y ddwy ochr dros hyd o 10m yn is ar yr afon nag agorfa'r cwlfer, ac ailosod muriau concrit cyfnerthedig yn eu lle.

• Dymchwel mur carreg bresennol yr afon sy'n ffurfio'r lan dde yn is ar yr afon na'r dyfrffos, dros hyd bellach o 20m, a chloddio twll yn y lan hon i greu sianel ddŵr agored â glan ar oleddf â llwybr mynediad cynnal a chadw uwch ei phen wedi'i amgáu gan ffens.

• Dargyfeirio cyfarpar cwmnïau gwasanaethau cyhoeddus, yn cynnwys ceuffosydd disgyrchiant a thyllau caead, pibau cyfathrebu a dŵr, prif beipiau nwy a cheblau trydan.

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Fodd bynnag, mae'r Cyngor o'r farn na fydd y gweithfeydd gwella a restrir uchod yn debygol o gael effaith sylweddol ar yr amgylchedd, ac o'r herwydd, nid yw'n fwriad ganddo baratoi datganiad amgylcheddol parthed y gweithfeydd gwella arfaethedig.

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BOVERTON FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME, LLANTWIT MAJOR

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 (as amended)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council ('the Council') pursuant to the above-mentioned Regulations intends on behalf of itself and Natural Resources Wales to carry out the following improvement works to the Hoddnant watercourse at Boverton, Llantwit Major.

It is intended to improve the capacity of the culverted and some open sections of the watercourse and thereby reduce the future risk of flooding in this locality by undertaking the following works:

• Demolition of the existing culvert structure and construction of a new, larger culvert structure beneath Boverton Road adjacent to its junction with Eagleswell Road including marginally raising the existing road levels to accommodate the larger structure.

• Demolition of the existing masonry river training walls on both banks of the river over a length of 10m downstream of the culvert outlet and replacement with re-aligned walls of reinforced concrete.

• Demolition of the existing masonry river training wall, which forms the right hand bank downstream of the watercourse, over a further length of 20m and excavation of this bank to form an open channel with inclined bank topped by a maintenance path and enclosed by a fence.

• Diversion of utility company services including gravity sewers & manholes, telecommunication ducts & cables, gas mains and electricity cables.

The Council as the local planning authority has considered that this scheme would fall within the provisions of Class A, Part 14 of Schedule 2 of the General Permitted Development Order 1995. For such schemes, environmental impact is assessed under the above-mentioned Regulations.

However, the Council considers that the improvement works listed above are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment and as such it is not intended to prepare an environmental statement in respect of the proposed improvement works.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental impact of these works should do so in writing to Director of Environment and Housing Services at the address specified below within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice. Further information regarding the proposed works is available from the address below or at the Civic Offices Holton Road Barry CF63 4RU

Dated the 5th day of May 2016

Director of Environment and Housing Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council
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JUNIORS PUT ON A SHOW AT COMMUNITY CENTRE

CAOS members at their recent concert.

TOTAL CAOS, the junior branch of CAOS Musical Society, recently held its spring concert at St Athan Community Centre.

All 18 members aged from six to 14 entertained families, friends and supporters to an evening of pop music.

There were solos, duets, trios and group song and dance numbers featuring music from Adele to Take That, all of which were warmly appreciated by the audience.

Hosted by their founder and principal, Chris Banks and choreographed and coached by Maddie-Jo Rowland and Kelly Virgill, an entertaining evening was had by all.

Total CAOS are always looking for new members and are based at St Athan Community Centre every Wednesday from 6pm to 7.30pm. CAOS is also looking for new coaches in music, dance or drama. Contact Chris Banks on 01446 793606.

How fair is the five month ban on dogs?

DOGS are now banned from a number of beaches in the Vale until October 1, but one GEM reader got in touch to say she thought the conditions were excessive.

The bye law, which starts on May 1 each year, has been in operation since 2001 and includes Southerndown, Llantwit Major, Cold Knap, Whitmore Bay and Penarth.

The Vale Council says the ban "is aimed at ensuring the safety and pleasure of the majority who would wish to use the beach for sunbathing and swimming or similar seaside leisure activities".

Contravention of the law can mean a £500 fine.

Only guide dogs are permitted on beaches, if accompanied by a registered blind person.

But one GEM reader said: "Dog lovers pay council tax too. Why should they be banned from the beach for five months of the year?

"Why can't part of the beach be designated by flags and allow people to walk their dogs? This is done on some beaches in west Wales.

"Perhaps dogs could be allowed after 7pm in the evening when the bulk of day trippers have started to make their way home.

"Alternative beaches like Jackson's Bay and the Old Harbour are not easily accessible without a steep climb or crossing rocks.

"It seems dog owners who pay council tax in the Vale are effectively subsidising services for day trippers from outside the area!

"September is surely a month too long. If the weather is cold and deteriorates, the beach is under-used."

Do you have a view on the restrictions in place at Barry Island beach? If so, contact us at *gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk*.

LAMBS celebrate English saint!

IN recent years the LAMBS local history group has organised annual events celebrating important dates in different parts of the UK.

Having held evenings celebrating Burns Night, St David's Day and St Patrick's Day in the past three years, it was St George's turn to be the subject of this year's celebration.

On Friday, April 15 he rode into Llansannor Community Hall on his white charger for a lighthearted celebration linked with a recognition of the Queen's 90th birthday.

The end wall of the hall was splendidly decorated with a reproduction by Deborah Bowditch of the medieval wall painting in Llancarfan Church depicting St George slaying the dragon.

The 43 guests were offered a welcoming drink of English wine, English ale, Somerset scrumpy cider or Cornish mead.

They then sat down to a thoroughly English meal lovingly prepared by many members of the local community. The fare consisted of Stilton and broccoli soup, Lancashire hotpot, Bakewell tart and Eton mess.

A concluding cheese course was enlivened by a competition between tables to identify five individual types of English cheese.

Guests were then treated to a hugely enjoyable session of musical entertainment by the excellent Porthcawl Ukulele Band, including traditional English numbers, offering several opportunities to sing along with the band.

Afterwards, the LAMBS chair thanked the band, all LAMBS members and others who had contributed to a most successful and highly enjoyable occasion. Who will LAMBS be celebrating next year?

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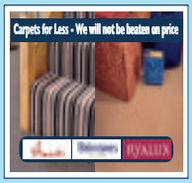

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The 'Welsh Salon of Photography' opens

Terry Verrinder with his award.

APRIL has seen a huge variety of activities at Vale Photographic Club.

Member Mike Baker gave a superb talk describing his experiences as a lighting engineer in the television industry and Welsh photographer Gareth Martin visited to explain his very personal and creative approach to photography.

Another meeting covered photographing body painting, this included a model being painted with opportunities for members to take their own photographs during the session.

As well as our monthly 'serious' club competition (with winners Mike Davies, Mark Lunn and Terry Verrinder) the month also included a fun competition called 'Cled's neg'.

Members take a digital image provided by member Cled Lewis and make their own version in Photoshop. Cled provided entertaining critiques and the award was given to Gerald Harbour for his abstract cubist interpretation of the original scene of Venice.

The month ended with the opening in Kidwelly of the Welsh Salon of Photography – the flagship exhibition for Welsh photography.

The club was delighted to be exhibiting 16 images, and to win the best print image of people by Terry Verrinder (see picture) and the best digital image of sport by Mike Davies.

For information on the club visit our website at http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk, or simply turn up to a club evening on a Friday, from September to July at 7.15pm in Ystradowen Village Hall.

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A quarter of people with food allergies suffer reactions when they eat out

VALE food businesses are being urged to make sure they are following new rules around allergen labelling.

Research by the Food Standards Agency and Allergy UK has found that despite improvements, one in four people with a food allergy has suffered a reaction while eating out in a restaurant or cafe since new allergen labelling legislation came in a year ago.

The survey also found that nearly one in five (19 per cent) of those allergic reactions resulted in a hospital visit.

The EU Food Information for Consumers legislation came into force in December 2014, and means that food businesses in the Vale have to make information on 14 allergens available.

This ranges from the most common allergens, such as peanuts and gluten, to less well known triggers for allergic reactions such as mustard and celery.

Around two million people in the UK suffer from allergies, including 2 per cent of adults and 8 per cent of children.

The survey, which was carried out to mark Allergy Awareness Week 2016, found that overall, 83 per cent of respondents have noticed an increase in measures designed to make life easier for allergic consumers – including menus marking out allergens, and staff actively checking food information with the kitchen.

More than half (58 per cent) of allergic consumers said that their overall experience of eating out has improved; just 6 per cent said it has got worse.

As a result, a similar proportion (52 per cent) say they now feel more confident eating out than they did before the legislation was introduced.

Helen Giles from Llantwit Major suffers from allergies and intolerances to wheat, oats, barley, rye and dairy.

She commented: "When going out to a restaurant, I always try to find out in advance what is safe for me to eat, as I've been told dishes are safe in the past and suffered the consequences.

"Nowadays most restaurants are helpful, but as the problem is largely unseen, it can be difficult for people to appreciate why it's so important to provide correct information. In the future I hope that there's greater understanding and tolerance for people like me."

Dr Chun-Han Chan, food allergy expert at the FSA commented: "It's been more than a year since the introduction of this legislation and we're pleased to see real progress in how food businesses provide information on allergens to their customers. In general, the situation is improving for the two million food allergic consumers in the UK, and greater numbers have the confidence to eat out."

For more information on the EU FIC regulations visit www.food.gov.uk/science/allergy-intolerance/.

Campus wins prestigious architectural accolade

CARDIFF and Vale College's iconic City Centre Campus has won the Welsh Architecture Award 2016.

BDP Architects won the prestigious accolade at the Royal Society of Architects in Wales (RSAW) Awards.

The RSAW Annual Awards champion and celebrate the best architecture in Wales.

Successful projects reflect changes and innovation in architecture, while displaying a commitment to designing and developing buildings and spaces for the improvement and enhancement of people's lives.

BDP worked closely with CAVC and the design and development of the College's 16,000m2, £45m city centre campus in the heart of Cardiff.

Designed for the local community as well as the college's students, the landmark building features shops, Bae Coffi coffee shop, restaurant, salon and spa, business centre and space for community groups.

Friends of the Earth Cymru claims power station will close

ABERTHAW power station's closure is now "imminent" – according to environmental campaigners.

Friends of the Earth Cymru says it expects that full and final closure of Aberthaw power station will be announced within months.

Director of Friends of the Earth Cymru, Gareth Clubb, said: "Aberthaw's closure is now imminent. The levels of toxic pollution pouring from its stack means it has to be retrofitted to comply with legislation to protect human health and the environment.

"But it doesn't make sense for a 45-year old power station limping into its final years to start making expensive upgrades.

"We've been calling for Welsh Government to begin a programme of retraining for the workers ever since we found out that there have been no discussions at Cabinet about this issue.

"So while we're delighted that Aberthaw is about to close, we need action from the Welsh Government to enable the workers to participate in the flourishing green economy."

Vale choir dazzles at recital in Cardiff

Health and wellbeing coffee morning

FIND out how you can have your voice heard on health, wellbeing and social care services at a free coffee morning on May 6.

The Co-Creating Healthy Change Project at Diverse Cymru is inviting people to attend its free coffee morning at Rita's Café, Cadoxton, Barry, from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Friday, May 6 to find out how to have their say on health, wellbeing and social care services.

Shelagh Maher from Diverse Cymru said: "Everyone is welcome to attend the coffee morning, particularly black and minority ethnic people, carers, disabled people, lesbian, gay and bisexual people, older people and transgender people, as people from these backgrounds do not always have their views heard on the services they receive."

Neighbourhood Watch meeting

ALL Neighbourhood Watch area coordinators, deputies and members are invited to the annual general meeting on Monday, May 16 at 7pm, registration 6.30pm (with light refreshments) at Barry Fire Station, Port Road West, Barry (CF62 3AZ).

Following AGM business, the speaker will be Barrie Phillips, who is the Welsh Government's All-Wales HE and FE PREVENT co-ordinator. He will be talking about the government's current anti-radicalisation and anti-terrorism strategy and the role Neighbourhood Watch can play in this.

Colin Jones will also give a short address on his role as Deputy Lord Lieutenant for the county.

An agenda, chair's report, and a copy of the accounts will be available on the day. The election of officers and the committee will also take place.

Dr David Ellis, Chair

A PACKED Eglwys Dewi Sant in Cardiff enjoyed a superb concert given by the Vale choral group Caritas recently. They performed works by Tallis, Boyce and Handel, among many others.

Following the winter reorganisation, this was the first outing of the larger Caritas choir, and they certainly showed their worth with a stunning, professional performance of a range of complex choral works.

In addition, organist David Butler superbly played an allegro and a prelude to further enhance the evening.

During the performance, conductor and director Lyndsay Gray kept the audience well-informed, explaining the intricacies of each item, finally commenting that the proceeds of over £1,000 would be divided between Diabetes UK Cymru and the Eglwys Dewi Sant Organ Fund.

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Romilly Old Boys celebrate 50th anniversary and school choir provides the entertainment

ROMILLY Old Boys' 50th anniversary was celebrated recently and Vicky Mortimer-Brown was able to capture key reunion moments. The Romilly Primary School choir entertained the guys with a number of songs.

IMAGES by VICKY MORTIMER-BROWN

Marie Curie preview for Sri Lanka charity trek

WOULD-BE adventurers are being invited to an information evening giving details of an exciting trek in Sri Lanka to raise funds for the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth.

Marie Curie will be hosting the information session at Mint & Mustard restaurant in Penarth on Thursday, May 19, to give prospective trekkers the opportunity to learn more about next year's fundraising quest.

Running between Thursday, November 16 and Saturday, November 25, 2017, the Sri Lanka trek will take in jungles, forest trails, small villages and ancient cities, over 10 days spent exploring this idyllic island in the Indian Ocean.

Funds raised by the trekkers will support the work of the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff & the Vale, situated on Bridgeman Road in Penarth. Last year the hospice supported more than 1,000 patients living with a terminal illness, along with their family and loved ones, at a cost of £4.6 million.

Georgina Burke, community fundraiser for the Marie Curie Hospice, said: "Our treks are always very popular, whether it's with people looking to take on a new challenge in a beautiful country with stunning landscapes, or those whose family has been cared for at the hospice and want to give something back. We hope the Sri Lanka trek will be one of the best treks yet – offering all those taking part the adventure of a lifetime while raising money for an important local cause."

To find out more about next year's Sri Lanka trek please come along to Mint & Mustard restaurant in Penarth on Thursday, May 19 at 6.30pm to speak to the Marie Curie Trek Team.

Further details at www.mariecurie.org.uk, emailing events@mariecurie.org.uk or calling 0845 052 4184.

Bustlers in the Vale

IMAGE by TUDOR THOMAS

THIS photograph was taken during the 'Little Bus Running Sunday' in Barry to celebrate 30th anniversary of Bustler minibuses in Barry.

It shows the very first minibus built by the then National Bus Company in Barry at The Bus Depot on Broad Street. It is preserved by the West Country Historic Omnibus and Transport Trust and came from Cullompton, Devon.

It was designed in 1983 on a Ford Transit van and after trials in Exeter over two years it became the model for the Barry Bustler that started on May 6, 1986. Later they were used throughout the Vale.

The Sunday event was organised by Cardiff Transport Preservation Group.

'Forget-me-Not Chorus' to hold taster session

THE Forget-me-Not Chorus is a Cardiff and Newport based charity which supports people with dementia and their carers through weekly singing sessions.

Each week the 40 to 70-strong choir meets to sing, rehearse and have fun under the baton of music director, Kate Woolveridge.

In 2012, Kate won ITV's 'Inspirational Women of the Year' award, which is sponsored by ITV1's 'Lorraine' and 'Women of the Year'.

Dame Helen Mirren said: "Big congratulations go to Kate for her incredible work – in an area that's very difficult for us all to confront, she is someone who's prepared to take that on board and deal with it and make something positive out of it. Just amazing."

The choir taster session is a great opportunity for prospective members to come along and witness, experience and join in the fun with the Forget-me-Nots.

Current choir member Jackie explained: "It is a fantastic therapy for people with dementia and a happy relief for carers. It is perfect, no pressure, just fun, everyone playing a part to the best of their ability. Monday evening is our happiness fix!"

With current Cardiff rehearsals on a Monday and Newport on Wednesday evenings, Kate and chorus manager Sarah Teagle are looking to encourage more people who are living with demential and their friends or carers from south Cardiff, Penarth and Vale areas to take part.

New choir rehearsals for people in these areas take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm at Ysgol Y Deri, Sully Road, Penarth, beginning on May 12.

New members will also get the chance to take part in the choir's 'Festival of Voice' performance on June 4.

As part of the new 'Festival of Voice' being held all across Cardiff, the four individual choirs of the Forget-me-Not Chorus will come together in collaboration with Welsh National Opera's Community Choir for one grand performance at Wales Millennium Centre. An opportunity not to be missed!

HONOUR FOR CONSULTANT WHO 'JUST ADORES TEACHING'

Dean of Medical Education Prof Nicholas Topley (left) and Dr Steve Riley with David Robinson (centre) at the awards presentation.

ABMU consultant orthopaedic surgeon David Robinson has been honoured for his work developing the talents of future doctors.

He was given an award for excellence as a clinical teacher by Cardiff University School of Medicine at a prestigious awards ceremony.

An honorary lecturer, Mr Robinson sees patients at the Princess of Wales Hospital as well as teaching medical students, both at the hospital and in Cardiff.

He said he was delighted to be recognised at the awards but added: "I just adore teaching, I find it really rewarding. I do it because I enjoy it."

David, who has been passing on his skills for 14 years, said: "Hopefully I can give the students a great experience during their time with me."

He received his honour at the BMJ/BMA 'Clinical Teacher of the Year' awards at Cardiff's Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

The event celebrated excellence in training the next generation of medical and dental professionals and was a collaboration between Cardiff Medical School, Swansea Medical School and the Wales Deanery.

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Spectrum Singers perform in Berlin

SPECTRUM Singers made their international debut recently, travelling to Berlin to perform at the Schoneiche Music Festival on April 23.

The music festival is an annual event and this year there were 40 performances at 16 venues around the town.

Spectrum Singers and Llantrisant Ladies Choir, both conducted by David Hutchings, were the first overseas choirs to be included in the festival.

"Schoneiche is a beautiful place and the people were extremely friendly and welcoming," said Mr Hutchings.

The Spectrum line-up already had an international element. German-born Carsten Muller has sung bass with the choir since it was started in 2001. He introduced the programme for both choirs, slipping seamlessly between English and German.

Contralto Julia Nasrallah, a former Penarth resident, flew in from her home in Beirut to rejoin Spectrum for the weekend.

Spectrum's singers also joined the Llantrisant Ladies Choir for a concert in the unusual location of 'The Tramshed'.

Unlike the Cardiff music venue of the same name, it is still an active workplace complete with tram wash rollers, inspection pit, rails to trip over and gratings to catch unwary ladies in their concert shoes.

The cathedral-like space echoed to show tunes and Welsh favourites including 'Calon Lan' and 'Ar Hyd y Nos'.

Spectrum's next performance 'Pure Hollywood', an a cappella tribute to songs from the silver screen, will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, May 18 in the Old School, Sully. The concert is hosted by the Sully WI and tickets £3, including refreshments, will be available on the door. See www.spectrumsingers.org

The Berlin Bears remind Spectrum singers Glynis Parsons (left) and Helen Turner (right) of the choir's home town Penarth.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME IN PRISON?

TASTING prison food, checking the condition of cells and attending major incidents are just some of the tasks carried out by volunteers working in Cardiff prison.

Every prison is required to have an Independent Monitoring Board and its members have the responsibility of observing conditions throughout the prison and bringing any concerns to the attention of prison managers and the Ministry of Justice.

Chair of Cardiff IMB, Steve Cocks, explained: "We are the official representatives of the Minister of Justice and have complete access to the prison. Our role is to look into all aspects of prison life and bring any concerns to the attention of those responsible.

"We sample food, visit education facilities, monitor the admission of new prisoners, sit in on the Governor's disciplinary hearings and a whole range of other tasks. We are also called into any serious incidents in the prison, though these are rare."

Cardiff IMB is currently seeking new members who are willing to spend up to four days a month in the prison.

"The role can be demanding", Mr Cocks added, "but is definitely interesting and rewarding and no two days are the same. Cardiff is a well organised and well managed prison and I have never felt uncomfortable during my visits.

"Prisoners overwhelmingly value the work of the IMB and are positive towards us. I believe that the work is very valuable. We all want to reduce crime and if we can contribute towards prisons working effectively, we can hopefully help in stopping prisoners coming back."

IMB members do not get paid, but can claim expenses and loss of earnings.

Applicants are asked to visit the prison and undertake an interview, and those who have been successful undergo a period of induction and training.

"We are anxious to increase the diversity of the Board and we will welcome applications of people of all backgrounds," said Mr Cocks.

More information and an application form from: www.imb.org.uk. Anyone wanting to talk to a board member can call 02920 923342.

Ioan's charity 'sky dive'

CANCER is a disease that is very real to almost everyone – with approximately 2.5 million people diagnosed with cancer in the UK, we are bound to know someone whose life has been impacted by cancer.

Cancer Research Wales is a charity that has worked in Wales for the past 50 years to try and find ways to make cancer a more manageable struggle for those who are sadly affected by it.

I will be doing a skydive on May 28 to help raise some of the crucial funds Cancer Research Wales needs to carry out its essential work into finding ways to treat and hopefully, one day beat, cancer.

Please give anything you can to help such a fantastic cause; uk.virginmoneygiving.com/IoanWardhaugh.

IOAN WARDHAUGH (16)

Recognition for J G Plant Ltd dealer awards

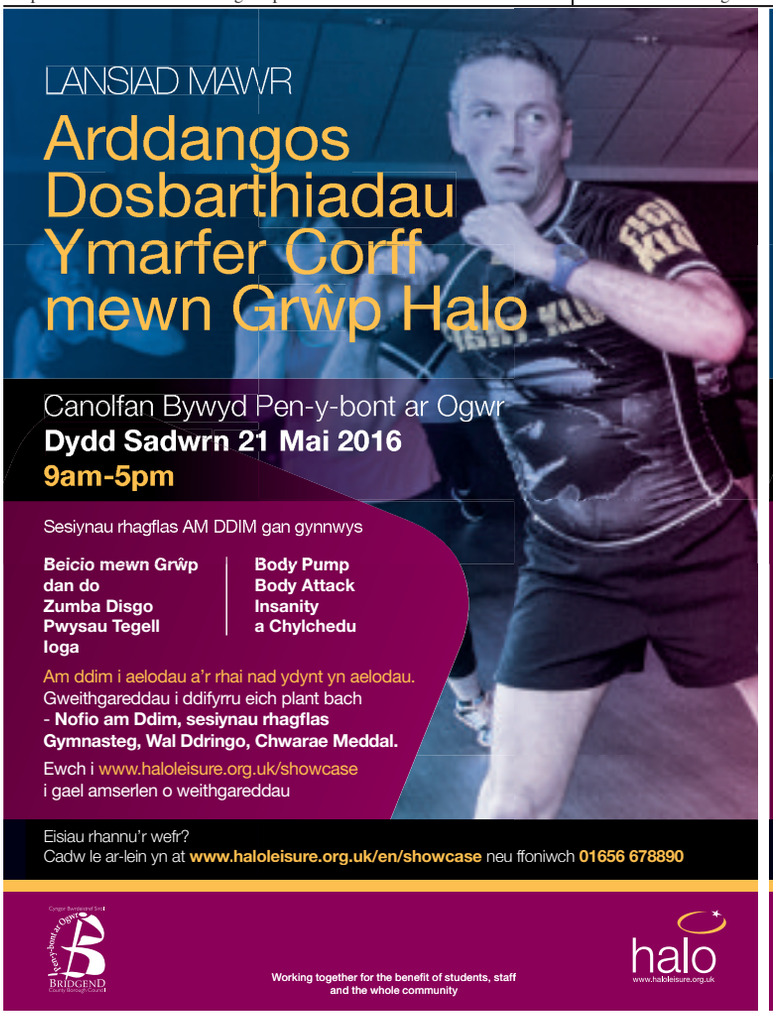
THE Bridgend-based team at JG Plant is celebrating after achieving runner-up position in New Holland's Dealer of the Year Awards 2015 in the Tractor Dealer of the Year category.

"Crowning a single dealer as the overall winner for each individual category can be a challenge," said Andrew Watson, New Holland's UK and Ireland managing director.

"All our dealers continue to impress us year after year and as such we consider the runner up position as an equally impressive achievement."

Established in 1967 in Taffs Well, Cardiff, JG Plant hire was born out of the rising demand for new and second-hand equipment. The family-run business, now based in Bridgend, leads the way in equipment hire, engineering support, and parts sales.

Welcoming the award, Gareth Rees said: "To receive the runner up position in the Tractor Dealer of the Year was really unexpected. We really appreciate the recognition and the nomination has motivated the team to continue doing great work."



Corey's thank you to physios who keep him 'on the move'

Corey and his family at the fundraising day held at Pyle RFC (above).

Corey Cox with Catherine Bingham, Sharon Starkey, Dana Wilson and Michelle Partridge, at the paediatric physiotherapy department. Missing from the picture is Sam Davies, Corey's regular physiotherapist.

Corey with dad Gareth (second right) and representatives of Pyle RFC who carried out a collection at the Princess of Wales Hospital to boost their fundraising total.

Physiotherapists at the Princess of Wales Hospital are always happy to see regular patient Corey Cox, but his latest visit to their department wasn't for one of his routine appointments.

This time the team invited him back to say a big thank you to Corey and his family for raising more than £3,000 to help support their work.

Pyle Primary School pupil Corey, aged nine, has bilateral Perthes' disease, a rare condition which affects the development of the femur in both of his hips.

It can take several years for the blood supply to be fully restored and for new bone to grow. In that time children can suffer from debilitating pain, stiffness in the hips and muscle wastage.

His mum Natasha said Corey has been receiving physiotherapy at the hospital's paediatric physiotherapy department since 2011, but never complains about the pain.

"The team are marvellous, they are full of smiles for him every time he comes in. We wanted to give something back to the department which has been taking such good care of him," she said.

Corey's dad Gareth is captain of Pyle Rugby Club, where the family arranged a special fundraising day featuring a match between players dressed as wrestlers – in tribute to Corey's favourite sport – and the under-15s side dressed as Disney princesses.

Gareth's team-mates, club supporters and friends – especially Gareth Pearce, Mickey Davies and Matthew Chick – got behind the family's fundraising mission which is now up to £3,190.

But Tasha and Gareth, who have three other children, are determined to keep going – they have their sights set on raising enough money for a high-tech specialist exercise bike for the department which will cost £6,000.

Because of his condition, Corey will continue to need treatment from the department for some time but his mum says his condition doesn't get him down and he never complains about doing his exercises.

"He is a very brave little boy," she said.

The assistant head of paediatric physiotherapy, Paula Wilson, said: "We would like to say an enormous thank you to the Cox family. Corey is an amazing little boy who is always cheerful, despite needing to continue with an exercise regime for a long time to come."

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He said: "Every club worked extremely hard, considering the bad weather conditions and it was a pleasure to see supporting members cheering on the teams."

The perpetual Ashdown Fencing Ltd. shield (donated to Glamorgan YFC last year) was awarded to Neath and District YFC for the second year running, with an additional team from Neath and District YFC in second place and Maendy YFC in third place.

Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society

AT Awel-y-Mor on May 11 at 7.30pm there will be a demonstration by Sally Taylor entitled 'Tales from a Gloucestershire Lass'.

Doors open 6.30pm, everyone welcome.

Emma (left) and a colleague with David Ford and Dame Mary Peters.

Emma's run to raise awareness of human trafficking

IN March, Emma Gooding of Cowbridge was part of another 'In the long run human trafficking must stop' team (ITLR) – this time raising awareness in Ireland by running from Dublin to Belfast and partnering with several running clubs, charities and schools.

Emma explained: "This was a significant place to run as Northern Ireland was the first region of the UK to pass the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill in 2015, which was introduced as a private member's bill by Lord Morrow."

As well as 10K runs, there was a duathlon, and half marathons, all completed over a two-week period, Emma found the cycling followed by running in the duathlon the biggest challenge, harder than a full marathon she ran in Brussels.

A highlight of the team's time there was to meet Dame Mary Peters (pentathlon gold medallist at the 1972 Munich Olympics) after running up The Hill to Stormont and attending a seminar there with the Minister for Justice, David Ford, and the UK anti-slavery commissioner Kevin Hyland, where Emma had the opportunity to speak.

Emma continues to work in Brussels with victims of human trafficking who find themselves enslaved in the brothels of Brussels and Antwerp. As well as visiting the parlours to get to know individuals, she runs a 'helpline' which is used by women in an ever-increasing area.

Some of the women are young girls and the charity offers training in language skills, barista training at Kaffe Klapp Café in Antwerp and they also hope to include Thai cookery classes.

These social enterprises enable women to have a choice. In reality they don't always have a choice as the nature of slavery is coercion and Emma hears many heartbreaking stories of abuse.

Emma's mother, Sarah, said: "Emma's work relies on donations from the UK and she is grateful to all who have supported her work over the years. If you would like to support her, please contact me at *sarahjane.gooding@hotmail.com*.

"I am also selling Phoenix greetings cards with 100 per cent of the profit going to support this work. Take a look at the card brochure *www.Phoenix-trading.co.uk* or the brochure I have made available in Costa Coffee, Cowbridge."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Digital drop-ins

BARRY Communities First, in partnership with Newydd Housing Association, is running free digital drop-in sessions to help people improve computer skills.

They will take place weekly at the following venues: Barry library, Mondays 10am – 12pm; Dinas Powys library, Mondays 10am – 1pm; and Aberaeron Hub, Aberaeron Close, Tuesdays 9.45am – 11.45am.

Llantwit Major library, Tuesdays 10am – 1pm; Margaret Alexander Community Centre, Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm; Age Connects Cafe, Holton Road, Barry, Thursdays 10am – 12pm; Penarth library, Thursdays 10am – 1pm; Cowbridge library, Fridays 2pm – 5pm; Rhoose library, Fridays 10am – 1pm.

No booking required, places limited. For more information contact Scott Tandy on 07584 501216, or Lani Tucker on 07730 284147.

Jumble sale

THE 1st DINAS Powys Scout group jumble sale will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 1.30pm at the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 50p.

An evening with Dylan Thomas in Dinas Powys

AS this year's Dinas Powys Music Festival coincides with International Dylan Thomas Day on May 11, the festival is introducing 'Noson Dylan', an evening celebrating the works of Dylan Thomas and other Welsh writers.

The first half of the evening, which is sponsored by Chase de Vere, will be devoted to Dylan's poetry and prose – including songs from *Under Milk Wood*.

The remainder of the evening will feature poets such as Hedd Wyn, Alun Lewis and Gillian Clarke, songs by Richard 'Mynyddog' Davies and John Ceiriog Hughes as well as extracts from the writings of Gwyn Thomas and Raymond Williams.

The songs will be performed by baritone Steffan Jones, accompanied by pianist Marged Jones. Tickets are £5 each and are available from local outlets and online at www.dpmusfest.co.uk.

The proceeds will go to the Dinas Powys Library which is shortly to be taken over and run by local volunteers.

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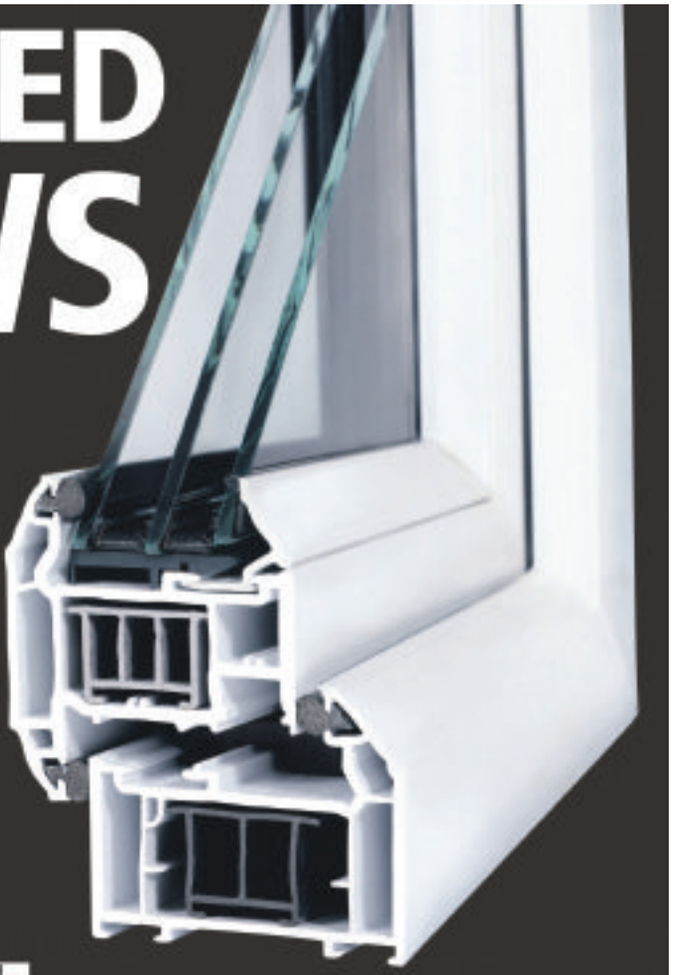

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IF the disappointment of Batman v Superman has shown anything, it's that DC Comics' rivals Marvel have cornered the market in the film world when it comes to bringing their characters to life on the big screen – and they show no sign of slowing down any time soon.

The latest Marvel film to hit screens is *Captain America: Civil War*, a film that deals in the ramifications of films such as *Captain America: The Winter Soldier and Avengers: Age of Ultron*.

When the actions of the Avengers leads to collateral damage and civilian casualties, pressure is placed on them to be accountable for their actions.

Captain America (Chris Evans) believes their actions should remain unchecked in order to stop them becoming politicised while Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr) believes accountability should be a necessity. Soon, events lead the pair, and their respective superheroes, into conflict with one another as battle rages and feuds emerge that throw the future of the Avengers team into doubt...

The adaptation of the *Civil War* storyline marks something of a watershed moment for Marvel; up until now, their films have been very much tales of superheroes and super villains battling it out to save innocents, all against a backdrop of a shared universe that allows interaction between characters on an unprecedented scale.

With *Civil War,* you can't help but feel a swing towards the grittier and the more realistic (well as real as a comic-book movie will allow anyway), as this is a story more about how the behaviour of superheroes should be regulated and how their actions impact upon the wider world.

It's a notion that comic-books have grappled with before (most notably Alan Moore's *Watchmen*) but what *Civil War* does tremendously well is balance the meaty narrative and the dense storytelling to spectacle and create what may just be the best Marvel film of the bunch so far.

With the large amount of story and characters to deal with, it's a task that doesn't make you envy directing brothers Joe and Anthony Russo (returning after *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*) and scriptwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely. However, both in terms of directing and writing, they make it look so easy, so effortless that they deserve perhaps the largest plaudits of all.

Visually, *Captain America: Civil War's* grand scope is wonderfully realised, as the film globe trots from one city to another it only increases in scale, with some exceptionally executed set-pieces, most notably a superhero battle royale at an airport which manages to give every single character their moment in the sun and is the undisputed highpoint of the film.

Script-wise, Markus and McFeely not only navigate the stormy waters of telling a complicated story in a way that keeps you engaged and captivated, but also handle the introduction of new characters such as Chadwick Boseman's Black Panther and Tom Holland's Spider-Man with incredible efficiency. Granted they are helped by a near-150 minute running time – but even then their ability to convey the weight of the story, without leaving any of the characters feeling shortchanged, is tremendous.

The performances are also superb, with Chris Evans and Robert Downey Jr as the men with opposite viewpoints excellent, and the raft of performances beneath them, from the likes of Sebastian Stan's confused Bucky, Elizabeth Olsen's fragile Scarlet Witch and Paul Rudd's scene-stealing turn as Ant-Man, all hugely enjoyable.

Yet it's the newcomers who perhaps linger the longest – Chadwick Boseman's Black Panther plays a pivotal role in events and the actor leaves you wanting more for his solo film due in 2018, as does Tom Holland who, as the first Spider-Man to get involved in this shared universe, is pitch-perfect as the teenager who finds himself embroiled in the gigantic battle; while Daniel Bruhl's villain marks a welcome change of pace for a Marvel bad guy, and his story and performance ground the film unlike any other villain before him; it's a bold, yet hugely welcome, choice.

It's difficult to find fault with *Civil War* – you could argue there's a sense that some story points are left unresolved, or as launching points for future films, but that's part of the whole Marvel universe; in a world that keeps continuing, there's very rarely any definite resolutions.

That the film can leave you wanting more, yet be so hugely satisfying on its own terms is a rare feat indeed, yet it's further proof that there is little stopping the Marvel universe from continuing its charge to universal domination – and *Captain America: Civil War* may be the finest example of it yet.

VERDICT: The best Marvel film to date, a film that marries ambition and scale and comes up trumps, *Captain America: Civil War* is a tremendous film. With a story that elevates the characters above the usual heroic action, rooted in real-life concerns yet brought to life with epic largesse by the Russo brothers, this is exemplary filmmaking at its finest. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* (2014), *Watchmen* (2009).

Vale PACT meetings

GIBBONSDOWN Drop In – Meet the neighbourhood team at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry every Monday, between 10am and 12 noon.

CADOC – Meet local officers at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry on Thursday, May 12 between 11am and 1pm.

Castleland Police surgery at Morrisons supermarket on Monday, May 16 at 11am.

Cowbridge PACT – at the fire station, Druid's Green on Monday, May 9 at 11am.

Rhoose – Coffee and chat at The Fox & Hounds, Llancarfan on Tuesday, May 10 at 11am.

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Valeways walks

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On Wednesday, May 11 at 10.30am, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Cosmeston Country Park Visitor Centre.

On Thursday, May 12 at 10.30am, 'Bluebells', St Brides Major, opposite the Fox and Hounds.

Pathfinders at Porthkerry

BARRY-based local history group, Pathfinders, continues its series of evening walks with a visit to Porthkerry Country Park on Wednesday, May 11.

As well as visiting some of the sites of historical interest, the group will focus on the various myths and legends that abound in the area.

The group meets at the Gorsedd Stones, Romilly Park, Barry, every Wednesday at 7pm.

History society

THE Cowbridge History Society's next lecture will be on Friday, May 6 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge on 'Protestant Dissenters in an Age of Persecution, 1485-1603' by Don Gerrard.

The society's AGM will be held before the talk at 7pm.

For further information, see cowbridgehistorysociety.org.

Craft fair in Barry

COME along on Saturday, May 7 to the next Enfys craft fair at the St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry from 10am – 4pm with free entry.

Raffle tickets will be on sale to raise money for the Wales Air Ambulance charity. For more information, contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Royal British Legion

THE next meeting of the Barry branch of the Legion will be at 2.30pm on Monday, May 16; please note that this is a week later than usual.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, May 7 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Goleu Caredig coffee

THERE will be a coffee morning at Goleu Caredig on Saturday, May 7 at 10.30am to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity.

Lots of stalls to browse and some lovely homemade cakes to buy.

Please come along and help us raise much-needed funds for this charity, or help by visiting the donation page at: The Brainy Bunch giving page, *uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/TheBrainyBunch6*.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT Major Conservatives will be holding a surgery in the Filco Supermarket on Saturday, May 7, 10.30am to 12 noon.

If you have any problems, call in and see Couns Tony Bennett and Ralph Austin.

Barnardo's celebration

THIS year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Dr Barnardo's charity.

To celebrate this, there will be a musical celebration by a variety of local artists and afterwards, an afternoon tea at All Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry, at 2pm on Saturday, May 7.

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Carli Evans of Passmores Solicitors (member of Solicitors for the Elderly and also the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners) is actively encouraging all people to plan ahead and make Lasting Powers of Attorneys.

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If you're looking for something more special, you could be a summer stunner in the new affordable Gina Bacconi dress range, known for their tailoring and clever use of colours – prices start at £79!

Olsen and Bianca also have some super dresses, from pretty day dresses to maxi dresses and skirts.

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In Business Update

Brand-new Cowbridge florist offers a very warm welcome

A brand new florist makes its debut in Cowbridge this Saturday, May 7, as Sara Caroline Floral Design opens its doors for the first time.

The new shop is in the former Cowbridge Institute, behind the town hall in the familiar old stone building.

For the last 10 years, all styles of floral design have been a passion for Sara, and she has studied as many aspects of the art/craft as possible.

Those studies have been put to good use, as two years ago she was a medallist in the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 'Florist of the Year' competition.

Sara said: "I would like to welcome everyone to my shop.

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Barry pupils test their hi-tech skills

ON Tuesday, April 25, year-6 pupils from Barry Island Primary School visited the Sony company in Bridgend to further develop their coding and filming skills.

The children were invited for an all day event that also included a visit from Carwyn Jones.

The school has recently been recognised as a 'Lead School for Science and Technology' to assist in the development of the new curriculum following Professor Donaldson's review in 2015.

The day was spent at Sony's state-of-the-art Academy Centre with a dedicated team of experts to share their knowledge and skills. The children used an array of literacy and IT skills to write scripts, and then film scenes using high quality cameras.

Deputy headteacher, Dominic Broad commented: "We are very fortunate to have embedded coding across the school. Having already won the Microsoft Welsh coding championships (Kodu Cup Cymru), forging links with Sony Academy allows us to further challenge our children and provide innovative ICT opportunities across the school."

A group of pupils had the opportunity to work on their coding skills using Raspberry Pi technology.

Matt Gilbert, the headteacher, commented: "Working with Sony has provided excellent opportunities for the children to bridge their learning in a real life context.

"The pupils have had a wonderful opportunity to continue to develop computer programming skills. We would like to thank Sony for providing the children with a great learning experience."

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Barry Island Primary pupils enjoyed their visit to Sony, Bridgend.

St Illtyd Primary School pupils meet the Bluebirds

LAST week, St Illtyd Primary School's year-4 classes entertained parents and special guests from Cardiff City Football Club and Foundation with their 'football crazy' assembly.

Over the past term, the year group have been using a football topic to enhance their learning. Lots of literacy, maths, history and research skills have been used.

Not only that, but the children have been raising money for the Cardiff City Foundation Charity which was suggested by year-4 pupils.

Huw Day from the foundation and Cardiff City footballer Fabio Da Silva received the cheque for £175 from the pupils.

Mrs Woods and Miss O' Connell, year-4 class teachers, said: "This has been a fantastic topic that has been led by the pupils' interests and helped embed the Welsh Government's 'Four Purposes'. The children were so excited that the topic culminated with an assembly and visit from Fabio Di Silva."

The 'Four Purposes' are at the heart of the Welsh Government's new curriculum, helping develop pupils as ambitious, capable learners; enterprising contributors; ethical, informed citizens and healthy, confident individuals.

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Fabio da Silva visited St Illtyd Primary, Llantwit Major.

Vale walkers ponder the mystery of Heinz Karl

RIGHT: The headstone of Capt Lipschutz, whose U-Plane designed failed to catch on.

ON a cold but sunny morning, eight Valeways walkers met at the Six Bells in Penmark for a morning walk.

Leaving the pub, they walked along the road but turned off into a lane just before the Rhoose bypass. Crossing ancient earthworks they passed Blackton Farm, before climbing up a hill to join the A48.

Walking alongside the road for 200 yards brought them to a stile and gate which they crossed into a field to drop down towards Whitelands Brook.

Through newly-cleared footpaths they soon reached a track leading under the viaduct towards Porthkerry Park.

This track was ignored in favour of the monks' path leading back up the hill to Porthkerry village and church, where a stop was made for coffee and wandering around the churchyard.

With two of the group local residents, some of the names on the stones were familiar.

An intriguing one was the stone in memory of Captain Heinz Karl Lipschutz described as father of the U-Plane. He was a captain with Cambrian Airways, but what was a U-Plane?

Suitably refreshed, the group dropped down to the coast path and walked up the hill to Bulwarks Fort and then through the caravan park to emerge on the coast by Rhoose Point, where they watched a heron being chased away by a single gull.

A short walk along the coast brought them to Rhoose railway station and here they headed back inland through Rhoose to the road leading to the Highwayman. They passed the western end of the airport runway to go under the bypass, across a couple of field to return to Penmark having walked all the way round the airport

Thanks to the Six Bells for their hospitality and the use of the car park.

John Treby, Valeways walk leader

St Paul's fair

THIS Saturday (May 7) is the day to pick up some bargains at the St Paul's Church Hall fair.

Stalls will include books, CDs and DVDs, home made cakes and jams, toys, bottle stall and bric-a-brac. Grand prize draw with hamper and other prizes.

Doors open 2pm in St Paul's Avenue, Barry. All proceeds in aid of the continuing work of St Paul's Church and the ancient parish church of Merthyr Dyfan.

What's On - In brief

St Brides Community Council

The annual general meeting of the St Brides Community Council is on May 9 at All Saints Church, Southerndown, followed by the monthly meeting at 7.30pm.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled: 'HM Customs', by Colin Addicot, at 2pm on Wednesday, May 11, in Cowbridge Town Hall. There is a small fee for visitors, which includes refreshments. See *www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge*

Shadows Club

THE next Shadows Club takes place on May 10 at the Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth, (029 2030 9979) from 8pm.

Play, bring your guitar, or just to listen. Licensed bar, all are welcome.

Gwanwyn Arts and Crafts

VALE 50+ is organising the Gwanwyn (spring) Festival in May, to promote creativity in the senior years.

Activities and taster sessions for people of all ages including computers, knitting and crochet, crafts, watercolours and more.

Friday, May 13 from 10am to 3pm at the Old School, South Road Church community hall, Sully CF64 5TG.

For more information contact 01446 709779 or email jporter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Dementia awareness

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a dementia awareness session at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, May 10 at 10am to 12pm.

This is to encourage people who are worried about dementia to chat to a member of the Crossroads in The Vale team. Support groups, financial help and free counselling are locally available to families.

No appointment needed, just come along and have a chat to one of the team. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

THE computer advice drop-in centre at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, Barry on Thursday mornings from 10am to 12 noon is free and run by Barry Communities First.

Learn to use your computer or tablet with confidence; devices can be provided or you can bring your own. Call 01446 732385 for further information or just come along.

Craft fair at Barry Museum

THE Barry War Museum at Barry Island railway station will be open, 10am–4pm on Sunday, May 15, and there will be a craft fair in the building, free admission.

The Barry at War group is still looking for items for its wartime kitchen. Could you help?

The fifth Wartime Weekend (September 3 – 4) is seeking sponsors, supporters and participants.

LIFT group

LIFT (Life Is For Today) offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

They meet in Cowbridge once a fortnight; between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies or 2pm to 4pm for speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

For more information call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176.

Sax lessons for over-50s

Sax for Fun performing in Cardiff.

THE 'Sax For Fun!' team will be celebrating the 10th birthday of a Wales-wide arts festival for over-50s this May, running two free workshops and a 'jazz jam' on Sunday, May 22 in conjunction with the Vale Jazz Weekend, and as a part of this year's Gwanwyn arts festival.

Age Cymru set up the Gwanwyn arts festival in 2006 to give over-50s a chance to get involved in the creative arts.

The festival happens every May in venues across Wales with arts groups, active retirement and community groups all taking part.

Sax For Fun! has received a Gwanwyn grant to run its jazz workshops sessions for older people in Barry.

Beverley Gough (Sax For Fun! team leader), said: "We're excited to be running our events as a part of the Vale Jazz Weekend this year, and we are looking forward to encouraging people to take up a new musical skill or rekindle their passion for playing an instrument.

"In the first workshop we're offering a free saxophone lesson to over-50s, an instrument will be provided if required, and we aim to show how easy it is to begin your musical journey. It all starts with one note!

"The second one-hour workshop is for over-50s who'd love to have a go playing a simple jazz and blues tune, and they will learn a very basic tune that they can perform later that evening at our Sax For Fun jazz jam that runs from 6pm."

Sax For Fun! workshop details: Sunday, May 22 at the Wyndham Conservative Club, Harbour Road, Barry, CF62 5RZ. Times: 2pm – 3pm try playing a sax! workshop. 3pm – 4pm try out a jazz tune! workshop.

Jazz jam from 5pm at the same venue. To take part in the workshops, send an email to Beverley at saxforfun@gmail.com. Tel: 07806 625717.

Llantwit man stars in Dinas music festival

THE Dinas Powys music Festival opened on the weekend of April 23 – 24 with a rousing concert on Sunday evening by the Dinas Powys Orchestra, conducted by Antony Tarlton, with soloist Ben Tarlton from Llantwit Major on cello.

The Hebrides Overture by Mendelssohn, taken at a brisk tempo, made an enjoyable start to the concert and the festival. The conductor maintained a flowing tempo throughout.

The rolling wave movement and the power of the sea were reflected well in Mr Tarlton's interpretation of this well known overture; what a pleasure to listen to.

This was followed by Schumann's Cello Concerto in A Minor. The soloist, a local young man, Ben Tarlton (not yet 21) played this rarely heard and difficult concerto with skill and panache.

Ben played the Elgar Cello Concerto with this orchestra when he was just 14. His technique surpassed the requirements for the Schumann concerto, making even the trickiest of passages flow smoothly and dramatically.

The sound he generated was rich and sumptuous making his entire presentation a joy to hear. This extremely talented young man has already reached great heights but such is his skill and musicianship I am convinced he has many more platforms within his grasp.

Ben Tarlton acknowledges the audience's applause.

Mozart's 41st Symphony 'Jupiter' came next. This symphony was an inspired choice to round off the programme.

It gave the conductor, Antony Tarlton a good platform to show off his skill at getting an orchestra of mainly amateur players to perform cohesively and imaginatively.

The tempo was surprisingly brisk and well glued-together.

Mr Tarlton presented a well balanced orchestra, each section's solo turn being musically produced.

I was particularly impressed by the 'sympatico' playing of the timpanist Michael Hearty, who clearly understands the dynamics of orchestral playing.

Altogether this was a most pleasurable concert and very well attended.

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WALKING FESTIVAL WILL PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP

SOME of the most stunning walks in Wales will be on offer when Valeways launches the 2016 Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival from May 19 – 22.

A spokeswoman said: "You can follow the spectacular trail up the glacial valley to the salmon leaps in Dinas Powys; search for 200-million-year-old fossils at Lavernock Point with geologist Stephen Howe; go bird watching in Cosmeston; climb the Iron Age fort at Llancarfan and finish with a talk on St Cadoc's famous medieval wallpaintings; or get buggies ready for a family fun trail in Penarth.

"With 23 free guided walks, there's something for everyone, finishing with a Channel View Sundowner Stroll and hospitality on the final evening."

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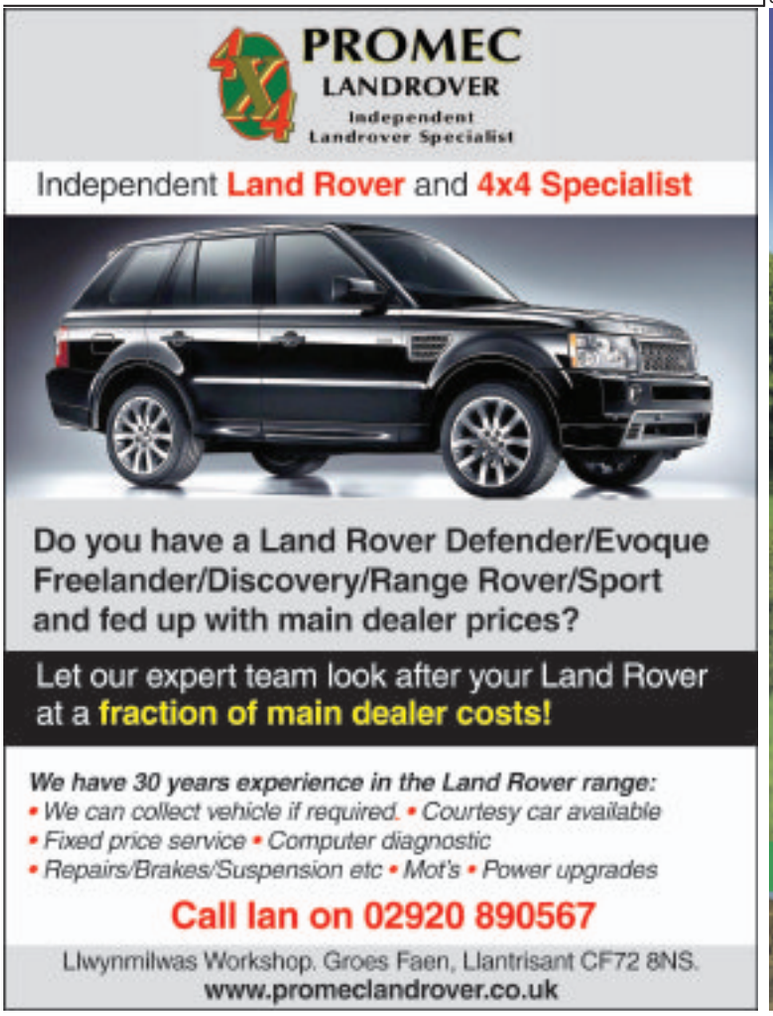

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MYND AM DRO I'R FRO GYDA DAI LINGUAL...

i Wenfo!

Ymis hwn, rydw i wedi mynd ati – fel yw fy arfer – i ymchwilio enw lleol yn yr un modd â phob un arall: sef dod o hyd i lyfr hanes yn y llyfrgell ac edrych yn fanwl am enghreifftiau difyr.

Wel, i Wenfo felly:

Ac yn hytrach na dechrau gyda theori sych, beth am fwynhau sain y sîn lenyddol yma ym Morgannwg; dyma driban a ddaeth i law via Mr. W. E. Thomas o Benarth:

"Mi welais fyd ar frigyn,
A'r Deio a Wil Hopkin;
Yfed gwin ym Mhlas Gwaun-fo
Mewn cnepyn o garnogcyn"

Heb os y llinell sy'n dal y sylw fwyaf yw'r llinell olaf: o dorri'r geiriau i lawr i'w darnau morffolegol lleiaf o ran synnwyr – neu syntax - gweler bod yna garn o geffyl yng ngharnocyn, tra mai darn bach o rywbeth yw cnepyn. Ond pam yfed gwin o'r fath beth? Efallai bod cyrn hyrddod yn brin yr adeg pan gyfansoddwyd y triban o gofio golygfeydd Celt arall yn Asterix a'i anturiaethau. Ta waeth, o ran Gwenfo ei hun, mae tarddiad yr enw yn weddol glir yn syth: gan ein bod wedi arfer gyda gwaun fel term daearyddol – yn arbennig yn ochrau Aberystwyth ble mae'r Waun[yn]fawr – hyd yn oed bod y term 'rhos' yn fwy cyffredin yn y Gogledd am ddarn o dir sydd heb eto ei ddatblygu.

Ac wedi datblygu mae Gwenfo erbyn hyn - gan gynnwys clwb golff o fri i golffwyr tu hwnt i'r Fro yng Ngorllewin Caerdydd hoffwn i ymaelodi gyda fe unwaith mae'r plant yn Ysgol Y Fro - er mae'n siŵr bod yna dipyn o ystod o farn ynglŷn â faint o les i'r byd natur daw gyda'r gêm honno. Erbyn heddiw mae pob darn o dir o amgylch Caerdydd o dan fygythiad o ddatblygiad – ond stori arall yw honno gydag effeithiau pellach ar yr iaith o bosib o ran y darlun dros Gymru. Er, o gofio gymaint sydd wedi ffoi o weunydd cefn gwlad i'r Fro, efallai mai Cymry Cymraeg daw i weunydd gwyrdd y De-Ddwyrain eto yn y dyfodol? A hynny'n gwirdroi yr effaith ar hyd a lled ein gwlad.

A dyna fi yn gorgymhlethu pethau eto mae'n rhaid...dim ond un peth sydd wedi mynd i ddyffryn angof fel petai – yr 'r'. Gwelwn yn glir felly mai 'Gwaun y Fro' yw Gwenfo. Hwyl am y tro!

Mae 'Dai Lingual' am geisio creu rhifyn arbennig o 'Mynd am Dro...' gogyfer ag ymweliad yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol i'r Fenni – cysylltwch felly os oes gennych chi gysylltiad gyda neu hanesyn o Sir Fynwy os gwelwch yn dda: david.wyn@dailingual.cymru

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Dyn y breuddwyd, Harky a Sos Coch!

Mae wedi bod yn dymor y cynadleddau ac er eu bod, ar brydiau yn gallu bod yn ddiflas ac yn hirwyntog, nid felly y bu y tro yma i mi.

Cefais y pleser yn ddiweddar o deithio i Genefa, Galway a Brighton i dair cynhadledd wahanol iawn. Rwy'n ystyried fy hun bellach yn beripatetig go iawn.

Cynhadledd i Gymdeithasau Heddwch yn Ewrop oedd y digwyddiad yn Genefa. Roeddwn yn cynrychioli Cymdeithas y Cymod o Gymru ynghyd a chynrychiolwyr o'r Alban, Lloegr, yr Eidal, Ffrainc, Yr Almaen, Swistir, Sweden, Gwlad Belg, yr Iseldiroedd a Sbaen. Yng nghysgod swyddfeydd y Cenhedloedd Unedig buom yn trafod pa waith sydd yn cael ei wneud ar draws Ewrop i annog heddwch ac osgoi rhyfel.

Nid cynnwys y gynhadledd bob tro sydd yn cymryd fy mri, ond yn hytrach y cyfle i ddod i adnabod pobl newydd ac i gwrdd â hen ffrindiau. Nid eithriad oedd y profiad yn Genefa.

Yn ystod y gynhadledd, cefais y pleser o ddod i adnabod hen ŵr tawedog a hynaws. Roedd Harky Kleinfelter yn rhan o ddirprwyaeth cymdeithas heddwch o'r Iseldiroedd ac roedd well ganddo eistedd yn ôl, gwrando a chyfrannu mewn brawddegau byr, ar brydiau er mwyn cadw'r sgwrs ynghyn.

Ond, unwaith, ymhell o strwythur caeth y gynhadledd, roedd Harky yn rhydd i barablu. Yn ystod

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ein hawr ginio fe gyfaddefodd wrtha'i ei fod yn gwybod ychydig am newyddiaduraeth ond feddyliais fawr ddim am holi'r hen ŵr ac yn hytrach fe wfftiais y datganiad yn 'styfnig i un ochr. Fel un sydd yn astudio yn yr Ysgol Newyddiaduraeth yng Nghaerdydd mi ddylwn fod wedi procio i wybod mwy.

Yn ystod egwyl y prynhawn, fe ofynnais, ychydig yn eofn beth oedd ei gysylltiad â byd y gohebwr. Heb yn wybod imi, dyma Harky yn adrodd mai fe oedd yn bennaf gyfrifol am gyhoeddusrwydd, materion cyfathrebu a newyddiaduraeth i Dr Martin Luther King. Doeddwn i methu credu'r peth! Dyma ni, mewn cynhadledd heddwch a Harky wedi cadw'r cwbl yn dawel tan nawr. Gyda fy het newyddiadurol ymlaen, fe holais fwyfwy am un o gewri ein hanes. Esboniodd bod ganddo gannoedd o recordiadau unigryw a newydd, nad oedd y byd eto wedi'u clywed.

Mae Harky bellach yn byw yn yr Iseldiroedd ond mae'n dyheu yn arw at ddychwelyd i'r Unol Daleithiau i olrhain hanes ei gymar. Fe dries ei annog i ryddhau'r recordiadau coll ond, dan wen fe esboniodd nad oedd cymhelliant ganddo i wneud hynny.

Dros ginio y noson honno, a finne nawr wedi gwneud ffrind newydd, fe ddechreuais holi am fwy o storiau ond fe dorrodd ar fy nhraws, "As Dr King once said, pass me the ketchup" a chwarddodd yn uchel! Fe ddaeth â gwen imi hefyd,

Felly, da' chi, manteisiwch ar y cyfle i fynychu cynhadledd neu ddwy yn 2016, gyda'r amcan o wneud ffrindiau. Pwy a ŵyr, efallai cewch chi gyfle i gyfarfod â rhywun fel Harky?

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SÊR EIRY

ARIES: Os ydych chi ar fin arwyddo rhyw bapur swyddogol, mae'n bwysig eich bod chi'n aros hyd nes i'r 15fed fynd heibio cyn gwneud hynny. Mae'n bosib y byddwch chi'n paratoi ar gyfer rhyw ddathliad pwysig cyn bo hir.

TAURUS: Mae cyfnod rhamantus iawn yn dechrau i chi nawr; ac os ydych chi'n dal i chwilio am y cymar perffaith, fe allai rhywbeth hyfryd iawn ddigwydd cyn bo hir. Ond mae elfen o dwyll o'ch cwmpas hefyd, felly cymrwch ofal!

GEMINI: Mae tipyn o newid, a straen o'ch cwmpas ar hyn o bryd. Mae'n bosib iawn y bydd yn rhaid i chi wneud penderfyniad tyngedfennol cyn diwedd y mis fydd yn ymwneud â'ch gwaith neu'ch addysg falle. Peidiwch â rhuthro i benderfynu.

CANCER: Mae hwn yn addo bod yn gyfnod cymdeithasol iawn. Mi fydd cyfeillion newydd, neu hen ffrindiau o'r gorffennol, yn dod i mewn i'ch bywyd. Peidiwch â dathlu gormod gan fod tuedd ynnoch chi nawr i ennill pwysau!

LEO: Mae pennod newydd ar fin agor yn eich bywyd nawr, yn eich gyrfa, neu falle yn y cartre. Rydych chi'n teimlo fod bywyd yn ddiflas iawn ar hyn o bryd ac yn ysu am weld tipyn o gyffro yn digwydd o'ch cwmpas. Mi ddaw!

VIRGO: Fe allwch chi ddisgwyl newidiadau mawr yn eich gyrfa cyn bo hir. Mae rhywun yn siwr o dalu sylw i'ch gallu a'ch gwobrwyo mewn rhyw ffordd. Mae eich sefyllfa ariannol yn debygol o wella hefyd, ond ara deg gyda'r gwario – rhag ofn!

LIBRA: Fe ddylech gael llythyr neu alwad ffôn, neu ebost oddi wrth berson eitha pwysig tua chanol y mis fydd yn cael tipyn o argraff ar eich gyrfa. Mae eich sefyllfa ariannol yn weddol iach ar hyn o bryd hefyd.

SCORPIO: Mae trobwynt anhygoel o bwysig yn sicr o ddigwydd yn eich bywyd cyn bo hir, gan fod Pluto y planed sydd yn rheoli eich arwydd mewn sefyllfa ffafriol iawn. Mae lwc a rhamant di-ri ar ei ffordd i chi. Www lwcus!

SAGITTARIUS: Mi fyddwch chi'n llawn ynni a brwdfrydedd o'r diwedd, ar ôl cyfnod annarferol (i chi!) o lesgedd. Unwaith y bydd y planedau Mercher a Mawrth yn symud i le mwy ffafriol yn eich siart ddechrau'r mis, mi fydd pethe ar i fyny!

CAPRICORN: Mae cyfaill yn mynd i gynnig cyngor doeth iawn i chi cyn bo hir; ac er fod hynny'n mynd i godi'ch gwrychyn rhywfaint, peidiwch a bod yn rhy falch i wrando nag i ddilyn ei air. Mae'n amser i fod yn fwy hyblyg yn eich agwedd, Capricorn!

AQUARIUS: Dros y misoedd diwetha rydych chi wedi tyfu mewn hyder, fe ddylai hynny eich helpu i wynebu cyfnod eitha anodd fydd yn codi cyn bo hir. Dilynnwch eich cyngor a'ch greddf eich hun ac mi fydd y darnau'n disgyn yn dwt i'w lle.

PISCES: Dyma'r amser delfrydol i chi deithio. Os oes gyda chi wythnos yn rhydd ewch i grwydro a mwynhau, a phwy a ŵyr fe allech gwrdd â rhywun arbennig iawn ar eich teithau! Fe ddylai unrhyw broblem cyfreithiol fu gyda chi gael ei ddatrys nawr.

EIRY PALFREY

CLWB ATHLETAU

Mae'r Clwb Athletau yn Bro Morgannwg wedi dechrau! Dewch i ymuno â'r clwb pob nos Lun yn Ysgol Bro Morgannwg am 6-7yh. Am fwy o wybodaeth am y Clwb Athletau, cysylltwch â Mabli Williams ar 07500 607409/ MabliWilliams@urdd.org.

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Cylch Meithrin Dinas Powys

Mae Cylch Meithrin Dinas Powys yn cael ei gynnal yn y Kynance, Heol Mount, Dinas Powys. Rydyn ni ar agor dri bore'r wythnos, Dydd Llun, Mawrth, Mercher 9.30 - 11.00.

Mae gyda ni staff profiadol Cymraeg eu hiaith, sy'n cyflwyno'r iaith Gymraeg drwy amrywiol weithgareddau - canu, gemau, amser stori a chwarae rhydd. Rydyn ni'n derbyn plant dwy oed sy'n rhoi cyfle i blant o ardaloedd Llandochau, Sili, Gwenfo, y Barri a Dinas Powys gael cyflwyniad i'r iaith Gymraeg.

Mae gyda ni le i un neu ddau arall, felly os ydych chi eisiau addysg Gymraeg i'ch plant cysylltwch â'r arweinydd Sian Hazlewood – 07855497869.

CYMRY CYMRAEG NEWYDD

Bob blwyddyn, mae Cymrodorion y Barri yn cynnal 'Noson y Dysgwyr'. Eleni, mae pedwar siaradwr ail iaith wedi awgrymu term amgen, a herio'r gynulleidfa i ymuno â gweithgareddau sy'n rhoi hwb i'r iaith. Dyma'r ail yn y gyfres hon, llais Ruth King.

Ffrind-iaith

Dechreuodd fy nhaith yn Aberdâr, hen gartre Mam. Ar aelwyd Mamgu clywais y Gymraeg, yn treulio gwyliau hapus gyda'r Aunties a fy nghyfnitherod. Gyda'r teulu roeddwn yn mynychu'r capel, cyngherddau ac wrth gwrs Eisteddfod yr Urdd. Heb i fi sylweddoli, roeddwn yn amsugno diwylliant Cymraeg yn dawel bach. Geiriau hudolus a cherddoriaeth swynol ynghwsg yn fy ngwaed.

Mae atgofion melys 'da fi o grwydro'r bryniau a chwarae yn y dolydd a'r nentydd. Yr arallfyd ar waelod yr ardd, ar waelod y mynydd. I fi, mwy cyffrous o lawer na'r Barri a'r ffair ar lan y môr - ond roedd fy nghyfnither yn meddwl i'r gwrthwyneb!

Ar wyliau tramor ymhlith Cymry Cymraeg daeth y deffroad. Yn un o'r tri oedolyn di-Gymraeg teimlais yn wag, yn ysu am yr allwedd hud i'm mamiaith. Yna cychwynnais siwrne a fyddai'n agor cymaint o ddrysau!

Yn bwysicaf oll ar hyd y daith oedd y Cyfeillgarwch. Ffrindiau ysbrydoledig a chefnogol - fy 'ffrindiau-iaith'. Wrth flasu bywyd newydd yn eu cwmni, trodd fy myd o ddu a gwyn i liw.

Braint yw cael dy eni yn Gymraes……mae'n wir!

Un o'r Cymry Cymraeg Newydd ydw i neu hen Gymraes fach?

"Newydd - Cerdded Cymraeg!" Dechreuodd Valeways deithiau Cymraeg i ddod â siaradwyr a dysgwyr at ei gilydd, i sgwrsio a chymdeithasu mewn awyrgylch naturiol. Roeddwn wrth fy modd! Ar y daith gyntaf ar hyd Aberogwr, agorodd drws arall! Wyth mlynedd yn ôl cefais hyfforddiant i fod yn Arweinydd gwirfoddol.

Un o'r pethau gorau yw gweld y cerddwyr yn magu hyder a dod yn rhugl! Criw bach o ddysgwyr oedden, i gyd ar le gwahanol ar ein taith. Fi oedd yn y blaen nes i'r 'Cymry Cymraeg o'r Crud' gyrraedd. Hwrê! Dim angen 'Cymreigio' berfau a geiriau colledig bellach. Dros amser mae nifer y Cymry Cymraeg wedi cynyddu. Mae cerdded yn ffordd wych i wneud ffrindiau newydd a chael hwyl wrth gadw'n heini.

Gyda cherddwyr brwd mae 'Crwydro' ar Ynys y Barri yn mynd o nerth i nerth. Daeth Chelsea o "Share your Welsh" i ymuno â ni pan gawson ein cyfweld am y gwahanol ffyrdd mae cydgerddwyr yn hybu'r Gymraeg yn y Fro. Nid yr iaith yn unig rydyn ni'n rhannu ond gwybodaeth o bob math fel yr Aps Cymraeg diweddaraf a.y.b. Dim ots os ydych yn rhydlyd, Cerdded Cymraeg yw'r lle i wneud ffrindiau-iaith a gloywi eich Cymraeg!

O'r Fro i'r bryniau mae fy nheithiau wastad yn cynnwys nentydd - siwr o fod adlewyrchiad o'r Gymraes fach gyda'i Mam yng Nghwm Dâr.

Natur neu fagwraeth? Mae'n anodd dweud!

Dewch am dro - bydd croeso cynnes i bawb.

Am fwy o wybodaeth am deithiau cerdded cyfrwng Cymraeg Valeways ewch i www.valeways.org.uk neu cysylltwch â Ruth 07800969157

RUTH KING

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Bydd Gigs Bach y Fro yn dychwelyd unwaith eto i Park Hotel, y Barri, ar nos Wener Gorffennaf 8fed ar gyfer noson arbennig yng nghwmni Caryl Parry Jones.

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THE ROMILLY FAMILY'S FASCINATING LINKS WITH BARRY – *local history by Laurie Owen*

THE Romilly Family (1677-1983) featured so much in our lives when we were growing up in the 1940s and beyond, and the name is still visible in so many places.

A search revealed some remarkable people, who would leave a legacy in the country in general, but Barry in particular.

In 1685, King Louis X1V of France revoked an edict, making it illegal to be a Huguenot (Protestant) and this action would lead one particular family to flee the country and seek refuge in London.

A century later, some of their descendants would buy land in Porthkerry and Barry and have a major effect on the development of a small village.

King Louis signed the new edict in Fontainebleau in 1685, which meant Huguenots could no longer hold services; their children would be educated as Catholics, and emigration was prohibited. Protestant churches were destroyed and in 1698, preachers were tortured or executed on the scaffold.

In 1701, a young Frenchman, Etienne Romilly (1677-1733) was smuggled across the Channel from Montpellier to settle in Soho, London. He would later marry Judith de Monsallier, who had also been forced to flee the religious persecution in France.

Their son Peter Romilly (1711-1784) married Margaret Garnault, from a wealthy family who had also emigrated and he would become a successful watchmaker/jeweller with his own shop in Frith Street, Soho.

The King was a staunch Catholic and hoped that these people would convert and while many did, thousands emigrated to Europe and Britain. History would show that his decision was a mistake, as most of the people who left were skilled craftsmen, doctors and merchants and would be a great asset to their adopted country.

Samuel Romilly (1757-1818) was the second son of Peter and Margaret and was born in Frith Street, Soho. Although he served for a time in his father's shop, he was a driven young man determined to make a career in the legal profession.

Called to the Bar in 1783, a King's Counsel in 1800, he was then knighted and appointed Solicitor General in the Whig Government of 1806.

He was a renowned legal reformer and extremely active in securing a vote of 283 to 16 in the House of Commons in 1807 to abolish slavery.

Sadly, some British sea captains continued this vile trade, even under threat of a £100 fine for each slave found on board, if apprehended by the Navy. Even then, some would just throw the slaves overboard to lessen any such punishment.

A great deal has been written about this man and his many achievements, but it was his shrewd decision in the early 1800s to buy the bulk of the 'Glamorgan Estate' from the trustees of Lord Llandaff, which makes him of particular interest to the residents of Barry.

It should be remembered that when Sir Samuel Romilly first set eyes on south Wales in the early 1800s, he could not just hop on a train at Paddington and be in Cardiff in two hours.

He wrote that on September 4, 1816 he took his wife Ann (*nee* Garbett) and children from London through Gloucester, Newnham – along the banks of the River Severn to Chepstow, Cardiff and then Cowbridge. Next day they looked over the estate in Barry and Porthkerry and then back to Cardiff to sleep.

After Brunel built the railway bridge at Chepstow in 1852, rail travel became an option, but it was not until the Severn Tunnel was opened in 1886 that a direct route made the journey a little easier.

Sadly, in November 1818 following the death of his beloved wife, Ann, his grief was such that in a moment of temporary insanity he committed suicide by cutting his throat.

As a coincidence, this Englishman of French extraction who would begin the link with our town in Wales was born on St David's Day.

Edward Romilly (1804-1870) was the second son of Sir Samuel and by 1841 he had built and was living in this grand 'Porthkerry House' with his wife, Sophia, her mother Jane Marcet, and his brother, Henry. As a young man Edward played first class cricket and was a Whig MP at just 28 years of age.

Over the next 20 years, he rebuilt farmhouses and cottages, improved farming systems and raised labourers' wages. Porthkerry itself was landscaped and known as one of the most charming spots in Glamorgan, much as it is today.

Having been appointed High Sheriff of Glamorgan in 1869 he died of apoplexy the following year at Porthkerry. Records show that Edward was a kind friend, an excellent landlord and an accomplished gentleman and after his death, his widow Sophia built the school in Porthkerry in 1876, at a cost of £400.

Although Samuel's eldest son John Romilly (1802-1874) would not feature a great deal in our town, he too had a distinguished career. Following on from Cambridge University, he was called to the Bar in 1827 and became an MP in 1832 before marrying Caroline Charlotte Otter a year later.

A Queen's Counsel in 1843, Solicitor General, followed by Attorney General, finally by 1851 he was appointed Master of the Rolls. In recognition of his many achievements, he was elevated to the peerage in 1866 and chose to be known as Baron Romilly of Barry in Glamorgan.

In 1857-9 John built his 'lodging house' on St Nicholas Road, opposite the site where his brother Frederick would later build Barry House.

William, the second Baron (1835-1891) produced a son with his first wife Emily Idonea Sophia Le Marchant. This marriage in 1865 illustrates the circles in which the Romilly family were moving, as she was the daughter of General Sir John Gaspard Le Marchant of Guernsey.

After upsetting a paraffin lamp in his Hanover Square home, William died along with his maid Blanche Griffin and cook Emma Lovell.

William's son and heir John Gaspard Le Marchant Romilly (1866-1905) succeeded to the title of third Baron Romilly in 1891. In another coincidence of birth, John was born on St David's day as his great grandfather Samuel had been in 1757.

Educated at Eton College, he served in the King's Royal Rifles and was a Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards at 25 years of age, having decided not to follow the family tradition of the law.

We know that by 1894 John was living in Porthkerry when he announced his engagement to his future wife, which was subsequently broken off.

Just three years later, London society was shocked to hear that John had indeed married Violet Edith Grey-Egerton by 'special licence'. The daughter of Sir Philip le Belward Grey-Egerton was due to wed Ernest Cunard, but dramatically decided to wed the third Baron.

In 1899, the local press announced that Lord and Lady Romilly would be living in Porthkerry after the house had been renovated, but it is not clear whether it was the grand house which is now referred to as Egerton Grey or Porthkerry House, which Edward had built in 1840. John served as a magistrate at Dinas Powys, Barry and Penarth.

Shortly after his wedding, he served in the South African War and then died in 1905 after an operation in Harley Street, leaving a widow and a son and heir who became the fourth Baron at just six years of age.

A memorial service was held at Wellington Barracks, attended by many lords and ladies, including Lady Churchill, surely testament to his standing in society. For his service in the African War he was awarded the Queen's Medal with four clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

Following the deaths of the third Baron and Lady Romilly, a special service was held in 1907 at Porthkerry Church to dedicate a magnificent sarcophagus of Genoese marble which can still be seen today. It was erected in memory of them both and although they had been cremated in Woking, their ashes were enclosed here in the churchyard. The Grey-Egertons were in attendance as were most of their tenants and former friends.

William Gaspard Guy Romilly (1899-1983) became the fourth Baron at just six years of age and would inherit his father's share of the Romilly estate 'at majority'. Following tradition, he was privately educated at Eton and then Sandhurst and was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards in World War One. It was later reported in the local press that he intended selling his family interest in the Porthkerry estate.

In an effort to prolong the family peerage, he married three separate ladies between 1929 and 1966, Diana Joan Sackville-West was followed by Dora Sybil Morris and finally Marion Elizabeth Jessie Clover, but sadly no heir was forthcoming.

The title 'Baron Romilly of Barry in Glamorgan' would die with him in 1983, 117 years after his great-grandfather John was first honoured in 1866.

Meanwhile, Frederick Romilly (1810-1887) the younger son of Sir Samuel Romilly, had begun his military career at 16 by joining the 79th Foot Highlanders, rising to Captain by 1835.

In 1841 he was private secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and he finally left the army as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Frederick briefly became the Whig MP for Canterbury in 1850 until the next election in 1852. He was accused of underhand tactics against his opponent Viscount Strangford and this escalated to the point where it became necessary to have a pistol duel to satisfy Frederick's honour.

Duelling only occurred between gentlemen and although the outcome is not known, it was rarely the intention to kill your opponent, but to uphold the family reputation. The Viscount must have been very aggrieved, to risk a duel with a former military man with 20 years' experience.

As further proof of the status of this family, in 1848 Frederick married Elizabeth Amelia Jane Elliot-Murray-Kynynmound, the daughter of the second Earl of Minto. In 1865 he commissioned the building of Barry House on several acres of land overlooking the channel and situated just off St Nicholas Road.

Frederick and his wife obviously enjoyed their time in Barry, choosing to be buried in the graveyard of St Nicholas Church, just 100 yards away from the house.

The Romilly family owned a large estate in and around Barry and Frederick and his wife Elizabeth had their 'country residence' in Barry House, but primarily they spent their time in London.

The fact that they chose to be buried in St Nicholas churchyard is surely testament to the affection they must have felt towards our community, bearing in mind that most of their relatives were buried in London.

Frederick died in London in 1887 and his body was brought first to Barry House and then to the churchyard. His nephew, the second Baron Romilly and his son John Gaspard attended, as did all his tenants and employees.

When Elizabeth died five years later, this procedure was repeated and again when their youngest son Hugh Hastings died of African malarial fever, aged just 36. Their second son Frederick William, who died after an illustrious military career in 1935, was also buried alongside his parents and younger brother.

The church and 'Listed Cross' was restored in 1894 by their surviving sons and daughters, in memory of their parents. The four members of the family are buried together in the centre of the churchyard, which is well maintained to this day.

The church was rebuilt in 1876 at a cost of £900 and could accommodate 120 worshippers, which was initially adequate. After the docks were opened in 1889, such was the population growth, the larger All Saints' Church was built in the mid 1900s just a few hundred yards away,

After the deaths of Frederick and Elizabeth, the direct link between the Romilly family and Barry became more distant.

Their son Samuel Henry (1849-1940) inherited the assets and dealt with the business of the Romilly estate, but he was resident and working as a barrister in London.

It should be remembered that when this family came to Barry/Porthkerry it was just a small village and as they erected buildings, workers began to come from further afield. In the 1840s, Cold Knap/Cole Farm was managed as a home farm for the Romilly estate and a bailiff came from Scotland and a gamekeeper from Northampton. Throughout their time with us, we have seen that several generations made contributions to the growth of our town, even before the opening of the Docks in 1889.

Some of their contributions to our town include: 1840s – landscaped Porthkerry Park and built the sawmill in the Millwood; 1860s – cottages in Old Village Road and the shop on the corner; 1893 – sold an acre of land for Romilly Infants School; 1898 – donated land for Romilly Park; 1904 – leased land for Windsor Road Church; 1929 – sold to the Council for £8,000 an area of 224 acres of Porthkerry and across the beach under Bulls Nose to the 'pebbly' beach.

The Barry Dock News reported that in 1894, the Crown objected to the family having the foreshore rights along Porthkerry to the 'pebbly beach', which gave them extra income by selling the limestone.

It was also reported that in 1900, French was being well taught in Romilly School, possibly some influence by this family with their French origins.

It was surprising to find just how much my life and that of my peers, benefited from the efforts of this illustrious family. As a child, I went to Romilly School just 100 yards from the house where I was born, which was itself only about 100 yards from the 'Yankee dump', which was at the very top end of the Porthkerry estate and where we all played without fear.

As teenagers in the 1950s, we would go to the Romilly Cinema Club on a Saturday morning to see *Tarzan*. In spring, we would be 'down the woods', cutting bows and arrows and bringing home primroses for mam.

In the summer we would be playing tennis in Romilly Park, or swimming at the Knap. On other fine days when 'rich families' would drive to Porthkerry Park, we would become entrepreneurs for the day. At the bottom of Fishpond Hill there was a gate, and also further along by the old cottage there was a second gate. They, of course, needed to be opened and closed to allow the cars to enter and leave. For this service we would be paid pennies and sometimes even a sixpence. Later on there would be the conkers from the 'park', then in October it would be back 'down the woods' chopping down the 'centre pole' and collecting dead branches for the bonfire; and then standing guard for the next few weeks repelling intruders if they attacked.

Postscript: After being Knighted for his service to the country, would Sir Samuel appreciate being remembered in this way at the former Romilly Cinema, 200 years after his demise?

Festival time nearly here

THE annual Dinas Powys Music Festival has begun with a feast of concerts to appeal to just about every taste.

Once again, the Dinas Powys Community Council is sponsoring the school concert on Thursday, May 12. The venue is the parish hall and the event is free to local invited primary schools.

This year there is a 'steel pan' concert run by 'Wadha'. The concert will be interactive and the audience will be encouraged to take part. Although this concert is for pupils, the wider public can enjoy in the open air 'Duo-Flex', a steel pan group on the Twyn in the heart of old Dinas Powys on Saturday, May 14 at 10am. Duo-Flex specialises in Caribbean-style music.

Coun Keith Hatton, chair of the community council finance committee said that the council was again delighted to support the festival.

He said: "We are especially keen to encourage youngsters to enjoy music of all types. It's not every day that there is a steel band performing live in our community."

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Charity music event

MUSIC event organiser Steven Miller from Barry, and Mandy Caddy (Cardiff YMCA Housing Association) are promoting a fundraising gig to raise funds to provide support services and accommodation for the homeless.

The event takes place at the Moon Club, Womanby Street, Cardiff, on Saturday, June 4.

Steve said: "So far 'Tenplusone', 'PizzaTramp', 'UK's Lowest', '[6foot7]', 'The D Teez' and 'Icons of Filth' have signed up to play at the event."

Mandy Caddy said: "Last year, almost 1,000 people came through our doors for help. All were homeless, with nowhere to stay for that night or the foreseeable future… and each with their own individual support needs.

"So we are pulling out every stop to promote this event and get as many people involved as possible."

If you would like to purchase a ticket for the event, you can do so on the door (doors open at 4pm), or directly from the YMCA in Cardiff, via email at *mandy.caddy@ymcacardiff.wales*. Tickets cost £7.

'It's time Barry had own youth choir' – CALL

AN exciting opportunity for young singers in Barry is about to open up with the launch of Young Vale Voices, a mixed youth choir for singers aged between 15 and 21.

Jen Roderick, who recently stepped down as conductor of the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Choir, has been leading children's and youth choirs for 19 years, would like Barry had its own youth choir.

A spokesperson said: "Choral singing is not only great fun; there is a wonderful sense of teamwork and achievement when all parts flow together in harmony in a live performance before an audience. There is no feeling quite like it!

"Rehearsals will take place at Romilly Primary School on Thursday evenings starting in the new school term in September, but auditions will be held this month to recruit choir members.

"There is no need to be nervous; you may sing a song of your own choice at the audition and no previous choral experience is necessary.

"Simply come along to Romilly Primary School Hall, Romilly Road, on Thursday, May 12 or Thursday, May 19 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm."

Jen has previously conducted choirs at prestigious venues such as Cardiff's St David's Hall, the Birmingham Symphony Hall and at the opening of the Senedd before Her Majesty the Queen, so the choir will be in good hands.

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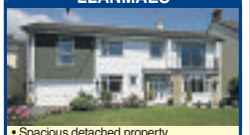

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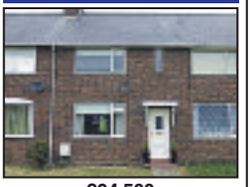
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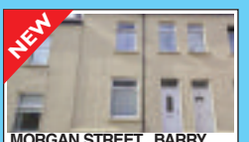
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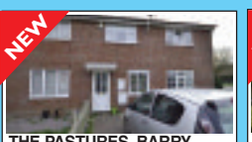
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Family Notices

CROOK
Paul Alcwyn

Peacefully on April 22, Paul, much loved son of Margaret and the late Brian, brother of Martin and Roy, father of Samuel. He will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel on Tuesday, May 10 at 2pm, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Bridges Major.

MORRIS
Mary

It is with great sadness that Christopher and Adrian announce the death of their dear mum of Picton Court Care Home, Nottage, Porthcawl, recently of Broadshoard, Cowbridge and formerly of Chase View Lane, Coppenhall, Stafford. Mary died peacefully on April 22.

Her funeral service will be held at 2.15pm on May 11 at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations should you wish may be made in Mary's memory to the Stroke Association, Unit 8, Cae Gwyrdd, Tongwynlais, Cardiff, CF15 7AB or Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

HAYLES
Keith James

It is with great sadness that Dean and David announce the death of Keith who passed away suddenly at home on the April 22.

Funeral service to be held at Barry Crematorium at 2pm on Tuesday, May 10, and afterwards at the Cadoxton Conservative Club, Barry.

Any enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis on 01446 407962.

GEORGE
Morfudd *(née Morris)*

Peacefully on April 25 at Princess of Wales Hospital at the age of 96, beloved wife of the late Emlyn, much loved mother of Anne and Margaret, special mother-in-law to Philip and Raymond, cherished grandmother to Bethan, Rhys, Nadia and Brian, and devoted great grandmother to Joshua and James.

A very special mum who will be missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting at Roy J Larcombe Funeral Home, 477 Cowbridge Road West, Ely, Cardiff, CF5 5TF, until the service on Tuesday, May 10, at Ramoth United Free Church, Cowbridge at 12.45pm, followed by Committal at Coychurch Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu of flowers may be sent directly to Parkinson's UK, 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1EJ.

HALLETT
Terry

Peacefully, with his family by his side, on April 29, Terry, aged 75, much loved husband of Wendy, loving father of Martin, David, Emma, Matthew and the late Allison and adored grandfather.

He will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, May 13 at 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be given to Holme Towers, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

ELLIOTT
Leslie Owen

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth on April 22, Les of Clive Road, Barry Island. Dearly beloved husband of the late Marion, much loved dad of Michael and Ann, father-in-law of Maria, cherished grandfather to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his funeral service in the chapel on Monday, May 9 at 11am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry, at 12 noon.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers, to Ty Hafan, The Children's Hospice in Wales, Appeals Office, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX.

GREIG
David

Suddenly on April 27 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, David (Jock) of Boverton, Llantwit Major. Beloved husband of Elizabeth, dearly loved father of Elizabeth and John, much loved grandfather and great-grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, May 10, service and cremation 1.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home. Donations in lieu, if desired, may be sent to RAFA c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

LAMBERT
Megan Frances

Suddenly, but peacefully on the April 27 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Megan of Llantwit Major, dearly loved wife of Jim and much loved mother of Helen. She was a loving grandmother to Gemma, Charlotte and Nicholas and great grandmother to Lucas, Isaac and Joseff.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major until the funeral service on Monday, May 9 in Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to British Heart Foundation c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only).

JONES
Brian Joseph Alphonso R.I.P.

Peacefully on April 27 in Barry Hospital, Brian aged 80 years of Barry. Beloved husband of Sylvia, cherished dad to Stephen and Carole, much loved granddad to Paul and his wife Dawn, Gareth, Liam, Conor, Daniel and Hannah. Great grandfather to Matthew and Robert. Loving brother of Graham, his sister-in-law Jean, brother-in-law Alf and his late sister Mary.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral mass in St Helens Roman Catholic Church, Barry, on Wednesday, May 11 at 12.45pm, afterwards at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only please. Donations if wished, for Marie Curie Cancer Care (Holme Towers) may be sent to the funeral home.

WOODS
Haydn Vincent

Passed away peacefully on April 28. Loving husband, father and grandfather, he will be sadly missed.

Funeral service at St Cadoc's Church, Pendoylan on Thursday, May 12 at 12 noon, followed by private cremation.

MORRIS
Edwin (Eddie)

Peacefully on April 27 at Llandough Hospital, beloved husband of Margaret. Sadly missed by the family.

Funeral to be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry, on Monday, May 9 at 3pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu can be made to Velindre Hospital. Enquiries to A.G. Adams & Son, Gladstone Road, Barry.

DRISCOLL
Patrick (Pat)

Sadly passed away on April 27, 2016. Much loved husband of Iris, devoted father and grandfather.

Will be greatly missed.

Funeral service to be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, May 11, at 3pm.

No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be made to the British Heart Foundation or Ty Hafan. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

HARRY
William (Bill)

Sadly died on April 30 at the Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend. Much loved Dad of Jane, Peter, Emma and their families.

The funeral will be held at 1.45.p.m on Thursday, May 12 at Coychurch Crematorium followed by a reception at the West House Hotel, Llantwit Major. Donations, if desired, may be given to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o the Funeral Home (cheques only please) Enquiries to W.A.Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major.

In Memory

CLEMO
Audrey

07.05.1929 – 07.05.2015

Mum, it has been a year now, you are deeply missed by us all. We take comfort in knowing that Dad is looking out for you again.

'Fly Me To The Moon'

All of your loving family xxxxxx

NICHOLLS
Nick (Dad)

May 11, 2015, one year on.

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Acknowledgements

DODD
Chris

Val and family would like to thank all who attended Chris' funeral, sent cards and shared condolences and kindness. Also, many thanks for donations to the British Red Cross.

EVANS
Craig Michael (Evs)

Roger, June and Ross wish to thank family and friends for the cards, flowers and messages of condolence received.

Sincere thanks to the Rev. Colin Richards for being so kind and caring, special thanks to Craig's daughters and friends who gave their eulogies of Craig. These will live in our memory forever. Special thanks to E Esaias & Son Funeral Directors.

DANDO
Margaret Marie 'Glesni'

John and Glesni Jones would like to thank all staff at Brocastle Manor Care Home for all the wonderful care given to my mother Glesni Dando during the three years of living there. We would like to thank Reverend Dawn Hellard for conducting such a lovely service.

Lost

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RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS ENJOY SUCCESS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS!

FOLLOWING a successful series of competition dates at the Welsh Stillwaters earlier in the year, more recently the Nipper and Junior teams from Rhoose Lifeguards competed in the British Surf Life Saving Stillwater Championships.

Competing against teams from across England and Wales, held over two consecutive days at Millfield School near Glasonbury it was a packed weekend for all those competing and spectating.

Saturday saw the Nipper team kick off the weekend of competition. With over 700 kids in attendance and many more family members supporting it was a busy day to say the least.

All of the Nippers were in heats due to the numbers with over 70 kids competing in some age groups. Personal bests were met with some outstanding performances throughout the day.

Huge congratulations to Connie who picked up to gold British Champion medals for her flipper and manikin carry races and to Ruby Phillips for winning bronze in her individual flipper race.

The Nipper team finished in a very respectable 13th place out of the 26 teams taking part.

After a packed day at the Nipper event the Juniors competition took place at Millfield.

With a high number of competitors once again the Juniors were placed in heats for their various events.

Well done to all of those who travelled and took part at the championships but particular thanks go to the 'Nipper Juniors' who competed for both the Nippers on the Saturday and the Juniors on the Sunday.

Special congratulations go to Nipper Junior Emily for winning a gold British Champion medal in her manikin carry with fins race and a bronze in the manikin tow with fins race.

Well done also to Finn for picking up a bronze medal in the Super Lifesaver event, Alex's silver medal in the manikin carry with fins and to the boys and girls relay teams for their bronze medals.

The Junior team finished in seventh place out of the 24 teams competing.

Rhoose Lifeguards would as always like to thank all of the coaches, families and helpers at these events - we couldn't do it without you!

JF

College hosts a hair and beauty show

CARDIFF and Vale College will host the fifth annual Wales Hair and Beauty Show on Sunday, May 8 at its new City Centre Campus.

Wales' only hair and beauty show will be held at Urbasba, one of the largest commercial salons in the country with an urban spa with jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, floatation tank and more.

Organised by the Beauty Finder Group, The Wales Hair and Beauty Show is a showcase for the hairdressing, beauty and well-being industries in Wales and the South West. Visitors and exhibitors attend from across the UK and Ireland.

Show organiser Michael Quinn said. "I look forward to working with the college's hair and beauty team to offer a showcase for the industry in Wales each year."

CAVC head of hair, beauty, spa and complementary therapies, Ceri Evans said: "We are excited to be partnering with the Wales Hair and Beauty Show and hosting the show."

For more information and to book tickets, visit http://www.waleshairandbeautyshow.co.uk/.

Golf season gets under way at Wenvoe Golf Castle Golf Club

Paul Coombs (centre) presenting Rob and Lynda Campbell with their winning prize in the Vaughan Thompson Trophy

Retiring captain Chris Jones (on the right) congratulating new club captain Paul Coombs.

THE new golfing season finally got underway after exceptionally wet conditions throughout the winter months and well into the spring.

April has seen a gradual improvement in conditions and the greenstaff have to be complimented for minimizing the course closures during this difficult period.

Retiring club captain Chris Jones handed over new club captain Paul Coombs at the recent AGM and with little time to get his feet under the table, the busy golf programme was in full swing.

The new captain's charity day in support of Cancer Research Wales will be held on May 28, when it is hoped to raise significant funds for this worthy cause together with many other opportunities throughout the year.

April saw the first of many competitions where the winners will see their names in gold leaf on the honours board and the first to do so was Rowley Brana, who lifted the Coronation Cup with an impressive 5up.

Top scores in the Welsh team handicap qualifier went to Ian Francis, Peter Bayley, Paul Currie and Mike O'Driscoll.

Paul Wheatley won the first stableford competition of the year and Rhys Bagnall posted the best score in opening medal.

The ladies section was also very busy in April with Helen Hughes playing well to win the Ladies GUW Jan Duddridge Rose Bowl and Sheila Morrow winning the Thomson Salver.

In typical May Bank Holiday weather the rain fell heavily but couldn't dampen the spirits of the players taking part in the mixed competition and Rob and Lynda Campbell took the honours with an impressive score in the conditions to win the Vaughan Thompson Trophy.

The club was delighted with the response to the recent membership recruitment drive and there are still opportunities to join.

There a many benefits in taking out membership whether you are an experienced golfer or taking up the game for the first time. Why not ring the club secretary, Nicola Sims, on 02920 594371 or visit the club website, www.wenvoecastlegolfclub.co.uk, to find out more about taking out membership or simply playing the course.

The impressive Wenvoe Castle is also licensed to undertake marriages and civil partnerships and an ideal venue for any wedding - we even offer discounts for joint memberships!

BJ

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

CARDIFF AIRPORT won the Barry Cup 3-2 against Wenvoe Arms in a thrilling final.

Skipper Liam Davies bagged a brace to put Airport 2-0 up before Wenvoe's Jacob Santos scored twice to pull them level.

Mikey Hall then bagged the winner as Airport celebrated a league and cup double. Airport's Theo Richards was named man of the match.

Airport had sealed their second successive Vale of Glamorgan Premier Division title last Thursday winning 6-1 against Dinas Powys Athletic. Airport now face a play-off for promotion to the SWFA Alliance League.

On the weekend St Athan sealed the runners up spot with a 6-0 victory over Island Marine while Dinas Powys Athletic bounced back from the midweek defeat with an impressive 4-3 away win against Cowbridge Town.

Penarth Town stunned Barry Athletic with an excellent 5-2 win to take them out of the bottom two.

In Division One Cardiff Airport B held leaders Cogan Coronation 1-1 but it seems only a matter of time before Cogan seal the title.

Vale United notched an important win against promotion rivals Tynewydd, edging them out 1-0 to swap places and go third.

Barry Belgrade got back to winning ways with only their second win in 10 in all competitions with an emphatic 8-2 victory over BVFC.

AFC Rhoose B got an impressive 3-2 win over FC Pumas and Cadoxton Athletic won the 'Caddy derby' 4-2 against Cadoxton Barry as they made it four games without defeat to go fifth.

In Division Two Dockers Reunited won the big game of the day 4-1 against title rivals Barry Athletic B to leapfrog them to the top of the league with two games in hand.

Dockers are now looking like firm favourites for the title now. Fourth place Knap notched a 4-0 win over fifth place Penarth B while St Athan B were held 3-3 by Island Marine B. Finally, bottom side Barry Albion were defeated 6-3 by third place Cadoxton Imps.

HD

Barry Comprehensive reached the sevens tournament final.
ALL PHOTOS by PHILIP HALL

Rugby and cricket news from Barry Comprehensive

PE teacher Alun Jones, Mark Ellis from Barry Athletic Cricket Club, Chris Lewis and headteacher Gerard McNamara with students.

YEAR-7 and 8 students at Barry Comprehensive School were excited to welcome former England cricketer Chris Lewis to the school last week.

The visit was arranged by Barry Athletic Cricket Club and the Professional Cricketers' Association with the aim of attracting more young people to the sport.

Chris, who played for Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Leicestershire, and played in 32 Tests and 53 one day internationals for England, led the 45 students through a series of cricket drills and games.

The presence of an ITV Wales News crew only added to the excitement. Working with Chris really motivated the boys, who responded very positively to the experience.

The school would like to thank Barry Athletic CC, the PCA and especially Chris for an excellent introduction to the sport.

Barry Invitational Sevens

BARRY Comprehensive School joined forces with Barry Rugby Club to host the largest cross border sevens tournament in Wales earlier this year.

The tournament was held at Barry Rugby Club and welcomed 32 of Britain's best under-13 school teams.

Teams from as far afield as Devon, Doncaster, Sutton Coldfield, Cardigan, Llandovery and Monmouth joined a host of local sides including Barry Comprehensive, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Ysgol Glantaf, Treorchy, Bryn Tawe and Plasmawr.

Barry Comprehensive reached the main cup final but were beaten by Ysgol Glantaf.

School staff donated their time to run the event, offering food, refreshments and a bar to visitors enjoying a day packed with exciting, first class school rugby.

Thanks to the support of the local community, including sponsorship from local businesses New Broad Street Motors and Macron Store, Cardiff, and great attendance by families and friends, the event was very successful.

Proceeds from the day will help support the school's charity work in Sri Lanka as well as funding the school's rugby programme.

The school would really like to thank Barry Rugby Club for all their help and allowing us to host the event there, showing what a fantastic community club they are.

Barry Central enjoy annual mixed game

DURING the past week members of Barry Central Bowling Club have been working toward improving playing standards.

The newer members are beginning to settle in, and playing a more active role in club life.

On Thursday, the annual ladies and men's match took place.

With the weather being on the cold side the numbers attending the event was on the low side, but the players present had an enjoyable afternoon.

The ladies did the honours, by catering for the male members.

The weekend brought the men's team back to normal with a match against the Millwood A team.

At present, with players on holiday and others unavailable through illness, team selection is a problem, but fixtures are being fulfilled.

Once again the new members played their part in the improved performance of the team.

Results: K. Tanner 15-19; D. Goddard 16.5-13; T. Goddard 12.75-17; T.Kaged 9-21.

This week sees Llantwit Major the visitors on Saturday.

BC

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results

LATEST results for Barry and District Ladies Skittle League are as follows:

Division One: Bobby's Girls (M Butchers 25) 242, SV Gals (J Richards 27) 274; Colcot Ladies (K Taylor 31) 267, Special Angels (L Mountford 27) 258; Breakaways (B Thursdon, L Bennett 30) 301, Space Finders (M Clark, E Worthy 33) 309; Barry Stars (S Phillips, N Jones 33) 342, Coppers (D Nesbitt 37) 322; Family Affair (C Thomas, J Davies 25) 247, Bakers Dozen (S Davis 29) 253; Family and Friends (C Mathews 26) 248, Cigar Ladies (A McCarthy 22) 227; Castle Bandits (C Kerslake 26) 242, Allsorts (Jean Jones 27) 261.

Division Two: Rhoose Ravers (G Ballow 28) 236, Pila Palas (R Webb 26) 249; Witchill Widows (L Sullivan, C Gregory 34) 318, Cad Con Fillies (S Chillcott 34) 327; S V Lights (D Masterman 33) 280, Castaways (P Clissett 29) 286; Witchill Weebies (S Robinson, S Edwards, T Edwards 33) 348, Vixens (M Marks 35) 319; Clickies (K Watts 39) 315, Little Devils (J Jones 33) 296; Red Admiral (M McCarthy 25) 241, Rhoose Starlights (D Stradling 28) 204; After Eights (C Hayes 27) 268, Merry Makers (M Payne 28) 276.

Division Three: Etcetera (P Tumilty 27) 251, Rugby Triers (S Cogbill 30) 290; Airways Angels J Naish, M Carpenter 23) 219, Hill Billies (E Anzani 25) 191; Twilights (A Campbell 23) 223, Westenders (S Somers, C Gee 25) 234; Dolly Mixtures (L Marsh 23) 214, La Belles (S Davies 29) 226; Roller Coasters (B Maffey 27) 225, Fallen Angels (C Phillips 25) 214; Friends and Neighbours (L Williams 30) 236, S V Ladies (G Davey 26) 248.

Division Four: Aristocats (M Moore 28) 245, Challengers (B Griffiths 27) 244; Nite Outers (B Lowrie 25) 222, Witchill Wanderers (C Reynolds, V Kerslake 25) 169; Hell Raisers (M Nugent 26) 236, Rebels (S Williams 28) 238; Witches (S Beer 27) 245, Uptown Girls (C Miller 30) 271.

We welcome your sports reports, news and other items of interest - email us at *gemeditorial @tindlenews.co.uk*

Penllyn Bridge Club April results

THURSDAY, April 7 (19 pairs):

1st Marian East and Gill Wybrow 64.06%, 2nd John Lord & Jo Ilsley 62.78%, 3rd Moyra Cuthill & Julia Evans 59.69%.

Thursday, April 14 (23 pairs): 1st Julie Evans & Mairwen Edwards 62.22%, 2nd Allan Evans & Keith Price 60.56%, 3rd David & Marian Stephenson 59.17%

Thursday, April 21 (16 pairs): 1st John Lord & Mairwen Edwards 57.47%, 2nd Dot Williams & Anne Sparks 57.14%, 3rd Norma Barber & Moyra Cuthill 56.82%.

Thursday, April 28 (21 pairs), Robert Brown Competition: 1st Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook 61.36%, 2nd Cath Domican & John Hunter 61.11%, 3rd Helen & Mike Ruttley 55.56%.

CN

Under-15s shine in sevens as they win tournament

COWBRIDGE under-15s finished off another very successful season with their first foray into the sevens format of the game.

On Sunday, 10 of the squad travelled to Winscombe Rugby Club, near Weston-Super-Mare, to take part in the Mendip Sevens.

First up for the boys were St Albans RFC, Herts. The boys started extremely well controlling possession of the ball for long periods of time.

The pool games were only five minutes each way, but even in that short period of time the boys won convincingly 33-0. A couple of tries by Harry Ridge were supplemented with tries by Jack Dixon and Ioan Williams. Williams converted four of the tries.

Next up were Newport RFC, Shropshire. Again the boys played controlled seven-a-side rugby, keeping possession and waiting for the gaps to appear. They went one better than their first game by scoring five unanswered tries.

Williams added another, Evan Thomas and Jack Dixon bagged a brace each, and Rowan Allin scored his first of the tournament. Williams converted three of five conversions, final score Cowbridge 35, Newport 0.

With the boys through to the semi-finals, the question was would they finish top of their group or second?

Cowbridge RFC under-15s.

Last up in the group stages were another touring team, Old Coventrians RFC. Strangely, the boys' sublime performances from the first two group stage games deserted them.

Old Coventrians started the stronger and crossed the Cowbridge line for the first time in the tournament. The boys responded well with Dixon scoring a length of the field try, quickly followed by Morgan Johns crossing for his first try of the day; Williams converted.

With the game deteriorating into an arm-wrestle rather than a seven-a-side rugby match, Cowbridge struggled to get out of their own half. Old Coventrians scored next but missed their conversions, so Cowbridge entered the final few minutes with a slender lead, 12-10.

The boys began to lose concentration and were getting more and more frustrated by the Old Coventrians' style of rugby and some lenient refereeing.

With the game into injury time Old Coventrians crossed the Cowbridge line for the third and decisive time to make it 15-12.

In the semi-final, Cowbridge outplayed a Bath side that had breezed their pool games. Cowbridge returned to playing the fantastic seven-a-side rugby they had done in their first two pool stage games and Bath were simply blown away by Cowbridge 27-7.

Dixon scored a hat-trick of brilliant team tries, all of which came from came from moving the ball side to side, stretching the Bath defence.

Only when the opportunity arose did the boys take their chances; each time Dixon found himself with a few metres of space to score wide out on the right wing. Williams then scored his third try of the day, and finally Ben Jones scored his first try of the day to seal the boys' path into the final.

In the final the boys faced Old Coventrians again. With some motivational words from the coaches, and a clear game plan, the boys delivered another excellent display of sevens rugby.

In the first few minutes the boys defended hard with some great tackling from Jack Little and Barny Langton-Cryer.

Following a return from injury in the first game, Dan O'Sullivan made his impact felt, with a strong run and a great offload for Dixon to score the final's first try.

Unlike the pool game, Cowbridge kept their heads and played the perfect game plan. Jones and Little were immense in defence. Thomas and Williams distributed the ball with pace and accuracy, allowing Dixon, Allin and Ridge the space to show their speed.

Old Coventrians continued to pressurise the Cowbridge defence but to no avail. O'Sullivan burst the Old Coventrians defence, and Langton-Cryer was on hand to gather the pop pass and put Dixon in for his second try of the final.

With the game entering the final stages, Williams put a deft chip over the Old Coventrians defence for Ridge to seal the tournament victory, the final score 19-0.

A brilliant performance, well done to the coaches and the whole squad, everyone played a vital role in a great team tournament victory.

Pictured above - back row, from left to right: Kevin Ridge, Jack Dixon, Jack Little (c), Ioan Williams, Harry Ridge, Pete Thomas, Morgan Johns, Barny Langton-Cryer, Steve Williams. Front row, from left to right: Dan O'Sullivan, Ben Jones, Rowan Allin, Evan Thomas.

GJ

Farmers take on the Button!

Winning golfers with president and captain Geraint Davies on the right.

The winning team of Gwyn Thomas, Tim Jarvis, Councillor Ray Thomas and Peter Francis.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday on the challenging Button Course at Cottrell Park Golf Club, crowned Welsh Golf Club of the Year for 2015 and now firmly established with golfers throughout south Wales.

Attracting 38 entries ,all competing for the excellent prizes supplied by local NFU Group Secretaries Julian Kelly, David Harris and Nathan Conlon, just two points separated the top five at the end of a most enjoyable afternoon's golf.

With its breathtaking views across the Bristol Channel to the south the Brecon Beacons to the north and the vast area towards the second Severn crossing to the east, gave the participants the opportunity of taking in quite spectacular scenery.

Dai John, who 24 hours earlier had taken the opportunity of having a practise round with Chris Rooney, Lyn Thomas and mentor Robert Price, finished in fifth place with 31 stableford points just behind Peter Francis, who was making his debut as a member. Mike King, also with 31 points, finished in third place.

A warm weather training session in Italy proved a sound investment for David Williams, who scored 32 points to finish runner-up, just one point behind overall winner Hugh Williams.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Tim Jarvis, David Williams and Dan Jarvis who also collected the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored longest drive prize.

Sponsor's representative Robert Jackson, with 31 points, won the section for guests just ahead of Ron Chamberlain, who finished runner-up.

Secretary Tony McCarthy correctly guessed 66 balls would remain out on this rapidly improving course to collect the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whisky, raising £98 for the Velindre Victory over Cancer campaign.

The NFU team event, requiring two scores on the first six holes, three scores on the next six holes, and all four scores counting on the final six holes was won by Gwyn Thomas, Ray Thomas, Tim Jarvis and Peter Francis, who accumulated 101 points.

Andrew Thomas, Mike King, Dan Jarvis and Ray Howells finished runners-up with 97 points.

In the team of three competition Tosh Taylor, Hugh Williams and Clive Edwards collected first prize with 88 points.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club when members will be holding their annual medal round competition for the Shrieval Trophy, kindly sponsored by Mr Mark Rees and family.

T.McC

Home double for the Reds!

IN their latest league fixture, Cowbridge Town Reds welcomed the Sully Scorpions last Monday evening.

The Reds were looking to make it a hat-trick of wins over the Scorpions having already beaten them this season in the league and cup.

The Reds attacked straight from the off, with early shots Harry Treharne, Ruben Davies and a free kick by Akka Guwy all going close. Midway through the first half Ruben made the breakthrough from a long and accurate goal kick by keeper Aron Kempson, making it 1-0 to the Reds.

A series of attacks by the Reds kept the Scorpions under pressure but the second goal was becoming elusive. The referee blew his whistle for half-time with the score at 1-0 to the Reds.

The second half saw the Reds attacking from the start, with Ruben scoring his second goal from a quickly taken throw in by Harry who was rewarded with his first of the day soon after to make it 3-0. The Reds kept attacking with numerous attempts at goal but were

unable to find a fourth goal. Against the run of play the next score came from the Scorpions, as a deflected shot found the back of the Reds net making it 3-1.

As the match entered its final quarter Akka hit the crossbar from a free kick, but Harry was quick on the follow up and managed to squeeze it past the keeper to make it 4-1.

Finally, Craig added his name to the scoresheet by calmly finishing a through-ball from the Reds defence shortly before the final whistle blew with the score at 5-1 to the Reds.

Saturday saw the visit of Porthkerry Panthers and gave the Reds a chance to avenge their narrow cup final defeat a fortnight earlier.

It was clear from kick-off how much the Reds wanted victory and that the game was going to be played at a high tempo. A goal in the opening minutes from a cross come shot by Steffan Evans saw the Reds take the lead, much to the players and supporters delight.

After some end to end football Craig Tapsfield managed to steer the ball home to secure the Reds second goal inside the first 10 minutes.

With both teams giving their all the Reds' greater will to win saw them start to edge the midfield battle while their defence held strong and goalkeeper Aron Kempson dealt with anything that came his way. Towards the end of the half, Steffan claimed his second of the day by cleverly chipping the ball over the Porthkerry keeper from the edge of the box to make it 3-0 at half-time.

The Reds knew that Porthkerry would not give up and that they had to maintain the same level of performance in the second half. To their credit they started the second period with the same momentum, as did Porthkerry who desperately tried to claw their way back into the game.

It was the Reds' will to win that saw them compete for every ball and this desire eventually brought the first goal of the second half with Craig making a run down the right before sliding the ball home.

Soon after the Reds were awarded a penalty after Harry Treharne was upended in the box following a typical driving run. Craig stepped up and calmly slotted the ball home to claim his hat-trick and to make the score 5-0 to the Reds.

Harry's efforts were rewarded with the next goal after a cross by Ruben, who had skilfully and determinedly kept the ball from going out of play on the right.

With minutes left, Ruben claimed a goal of his own which was just reward for a hard-working performance. However, the best was left until last when, with the seconds ticking away, a goal-bound Porthkerry shot was cleared off the line by Ifor Rees which personified the team's commitment to keeping a clean sheet. The game ended 7-0 and the deserved victory reflected the clinical way the team performed.

Enormous credit must be given to all 16 Reds players who each gave 100 per cent and the sheer determination and will to win of the team was a joy to watch and was fully appreciated by both sets of supporters.

Squad: Finlay Ball, Tom Collingridge, Ben Cooke, Ruben Davies, Steffan Evans, Akka Guwy, Rhys Hardman, Will Harris, Aaron Holcombe, Aron Kempson, Toby Mallett, Tom McCarthy, Benji Mulcahy, Ifor Rees, Jac Roberts, Craig Tapsfield, Edward Thomas, Harry Treharne.

SE

Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

THE outdoor season started early in April with a number of friendly matches for the ladies and the men. We also had one mixed game.

Later in the month the more competitive matches were played. The men played Penarth at home in the first Munro Cup game of the season. This match was brought forward to accommodate a ladies county game that was played in Cowbridge on May 4.

Penarth proved to be just too good for Cowbridge, and although both teams won on two rinks, Penarth won overall by eight shots.

Rink scores: Gerry Lloyd, Bryan Hole, Byron Richards and Roger Barwick 15-13; Mansel Davey, John Collin, Michael Bradley and Alan Wallace 12-21; Len Taylor, Tom Purnell, Tony Lewis and Dennis Snelling 11-14; Terry Dunsworth, Steve Dodsworth, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 21-19.

The ladies played their first Cowbridge challenge match of the season at Pencoed and were beaten on all three rinks and in the match overall by 25 shots.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Dorothy Pritchard, Kay Edwards and Diane Lloyd 8-25; Maggie Penn, Mary Dowdle, Shirley Wilkinson and Pat Holding 10-14; Janet Morton May Jones, Sue Flower and Sylvia Hole 14-18.

Last weekend, the men played their first of four Carruthers Shield matches. The visitors were Caerau Athletic from the Maesteg Valley, and it was a match with a nail-biting finish.

Although Cowbridge won on two of the rinks and drew on one rink Caerau came out on top on the fourth rink. Both teams had a total of 87 shots.

Rink scores: Terry Dunsworth Ron Woolford Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 26-21; Mansel Davey, Steve Dodsworth, John Jones and Clive Pritchard 20-20; Len Taylor, Byron Richards, Brian Williams and Roger Barwick 13-23; Ron Frayling, Michael Bradley, Peter Launder and Bob Penn 28-23.

MB

Cup final action at Jenner Park

THE past two weekends saw about four Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League finals take place.

On Friday, April 22, in the Year 8 final for the Billy Butlin Cup, Barry Town United beat Island Marine Blues 4-0. Then on Sunday, April 24, in the Year 9 final for the Harry Gratton Cup, Cogan Coronation Juniors beat Sully Sports Reds 3-1.

The Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League would like to thank Gavin Chesterfield and the Gratton family for presenting the winners with the trophies.

On Sunday, May 1, another Cogan Coronation Juniors v Sully Sports final started the day, this time in the Year 10 age group for the Steve Williams Trophy.

The match was being edged by Cogan who managed to get two goals in the first half to take a 2-0 lead into the second half.

A further two unanswered goals in the second were enough for Cogan Coronation Juniors to lift the Steve Williams Trophy. The Cogan goalscorers were Louis Crook, Jordan Jones, Will Parsons and Logan Newcombe.

Barry Town United secretary David Coles presenting Cogan Coronation Juniors captain Louis Crook with the Steve Williams Memorial Trophy.

In the afternoon the traditional final cup match took penultimate spot this year with Cardiff Airport, crowned Premier Division champions after a 6-1 win over Dinas Powys Athletic on the previous Thursday, taking on Wenvoe Arms for the Barry Cup.

Wenvoe were forced into an unforced substitution due to a player being injured, and as with the morning, a two goal cushion saw the tie poised at 2-0 come half-time with Cardiff Airport having the lead.

Wenvoe didn't bow their heads and fought back into the game levelling it with two Jacob Santos goals in the second half, the second with 15 minutes left on the clock.

Cardiff Airport were under pressure but another attack with seven minutes to go saw them net their third, which proved to be the winner.

Cardiff Airport's goals were scored by Liam Davies (with a brace) and Mike Hall. With two trophies in the bag, Cardiff Airport visited Treforest on Wednesday (May 4) night to play Trebanog in the final of the SWFA Intermediate Cup to possibly claim a treble.

Barry Mayor Emma Pritchard handing the Barry Cup to Cardiff Airport captain Liam Davies (above) and the Brian Riseborough Golden Boot to Theo Richards (below).

As with the tradition of the Barry Cup final, the man of the match is awarded the Brian Riseborough Golden Boot, and this year Theo Richards of Cardiff Airport was the worthy recipient.

The delayed ASRS Cup final takes place on Sunday, May 15 at Jenner Park with kick off at 2.15pm between Dinas Powys Athletic and Penarth Town.

MD

Local Olympians come to the 'fore'!

Four Special Olympics Wales golfers travelled to Bicester Golf Club on Monday to take part in the West Midlands regional golf competition.

We set out at 9.30am on Monday arriving at midday when all four undertook some instruction from the golf professional on both the short and long game.

We teed off in dry weather on the way round, but on the course we encountered sun, rain, wind, snow and sleet - typical British weather!

Mathew Sims, a Special Olympics Wales golfer from Cardiff, competed in the 18 hole competition and received third place with a round of 103.

The nine hole competition was split into three divisions as there was a large number of entries - James Savory (Barry) took division 1 with Mark Eveleigh (Barry) coming in fourth place, while division 2 was won by Gareth Lloyd (Barry) with Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) receiving a sixth place.

All four golfers play weekly at St Andrews Major Golf Club in Barry, under the watchful eye of golf professional John Hasting.

Special Olympics provide sports training and competition all year round for adults and children with learning disabilities in the Vale.

We also have groups in artistic gymnastics, boccia, bocce and kayaking in Bridgend, and we have swimming in Cardiff, as well as badminton, swimming, indoor bowls and 10 pin bowling - anyone interested should contact Jeff Savory via jeff@specialolympicswales.co.uk or call 0780 316 5581.

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Treble delight for Vale Girls under-14 team

VALE Girls' under-14s completed a remarkable season at the weekend securing the South Wales Girls league under-14 title to make it a treble winning season, having already lifted the South Wales FA Cup and League Cup.

The girls have put in a fantastic effort throughout the season and secured the league title with a game to spare following a battling 5-3 victory away to their closest rivals Plics FC in Pontypool.

Vale went into the game knowing a draw would be enough to secure the league but were given their biggest test of the season against plucky opponents who needed a win to keep their own hopes of beating Vale to the title.

Vale started the game strongly but Pilcs took the lead with a left foot shot to put Vale behind for the first time in a game this season.

To their credit they bounced back superbly, Sian Ress drew a great save by the Pilcs' goalkeeper before hitting the woodwork.

Finally Vale levelled five minutes before half time when Aliyah Jama showed great composure in front of goal firing into the corner.

Vale then went in front on the stroke of half time with a fine team goal. Jama and Rees combined down the left hand side with the ball finding striker Grace Horrell who turned the defender exquisitely and shot into the corner for a 2-1 lead.

Vale continued to push on early in the second half and went 3-1 ahead following an excellent through ball down the left by Holly Jenkins which found Horrell, who went through on goal and calmly slotted the ball over the advancing goalkeeper.

At 3-1 the game seemed won but credit to Pilcs who fought back valiantly with two goals in three minutes to throw the game wide open.

To their credit, Vale composed themselves and grew stronger from the setback and dominated the final 10 minutes of the game.

Horrell grabbed her hat-trick, and the team's fourth goal, shooting home after captain Daisy Connolly's header came back off the bar.

Striker Erin Prynne was then rewarded for her work rate tapping home a fifth goal in the last minute to secure the league.

It has been a successful week for the club following success in the under-13 league also. Vale Dragons secured the runners-up place in the Premier Division and the Vale Caerau team won the Championship Division in their final match of the season.

In addition the under-16 girls will contest the League Cup final in the next week to round off the most successful season for the club to date.

U14 squad: Mae Atkins, Ruth Stanley, Daisy Connolly (c), Phoebe Williams, Holly Jenkins, Rebecca Gentles, Maisy Gibbs, Kate Spargo, Grace Corne, Anais Trinci, Olivia Townsend, Sophie Hawkins, Megan Sully, Aliyah Jama, Grace Horrell, Sian Rees, Erin Prynne. **LW**

Girls just love the Atomic Touch Festival

The girls try their hand at Atomic Touch.

THE Atomic Touch festival returned to Barry this year, as girls tried their hand at the sport.

On Wednesday, April 20, year-5 and 6 girls from seven local primary schools, gathered at Holm View Leisure Centre to try their hand at Atomic Touch, a fast-paced game that has similarities to touch rugby, netball and ultimate frisbee.

It was created as a way of encouraging more children to get involved with touch rugby.

In total, 80 girls attended the festival.

Sophie Wilkinson, active young people officer, said: "The Atomic Touch festival has been a fantastic event held over the past two years.

"It provides local girls with the opportunity to try rugby in a fun environment without the pressure of tackling or passing backwards."

Any girls interested in playing Touch Rugby can contact the Phoenix Touch Club, who train every Friday, by emailing phoenixtouch@gmx.co.uk for more information.

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Beavers enjoy medal haul!

BARRY Beavers travelled to Carmarthen Leisure Centre on Saturday, April 23, to compete against six other Welsh clubs and came second overall.

The gold medalists were: Abigail Finch/Heidi Boswell/Gareth Lloyd.

Silver medalists were: Andrew Sage/Katie Rosser/Louis Davies/Heather Williams/Ffion Jones.

Bronze medallists were: Keira Richards/Callum Savory/Jack Kemp/Sophie Woodham/Tyler Savory/Sarah Davies and junior relay - Tyler/Ffion/Jack/Abby.

Other swimmers who all got into the final and improved their times were: Faye Sage/Adam Lawrence/Suzanne Haslam/Philip Daly/Sophie Harris/Kyle Siirak/Mark Eveleigh/Nick Cushen.

We all had a great day – thank you to our two helpers that who also competed in the helper's race, Becky-Mae Lawrence and Chris Economides.

Our next gala is May 14 at Ebbw Vale Sports Centre and hopefully another full bus made up with supporters! **NC**

ALL SQUARE FOR COWBRIDGE CC FIRST TEAM

STEPPING up to the First Division of the South Wales Cricket Association was always going to be a significant challenge for Cowbridge - and so it proved last Saturday.

In the opening fixture the first XI had to settle for a draw at Tata Steel CC after the hosts posted 274-4 and Cowbridge replied with 208-8.

Taking the field under new skipper Chris Willey the first XI were under pressure as Tata worked the ball around and without taking undue risks, amassed a very healthy total.

The pick of the Cowbridge bowlers were Sam Russell (2-45) and Jake George who brought control to bear on proceedings.

It's not often that such a big score is chased successfully in mid summer let alone a bright but cold day at the end of April.

Although at 42-1 things were proceeding satisfactorily, the fall of Ben Wright (28) made the target seem a long way off.

Cowbridge's subsequent batsmen, Mike Lloyd (63), Jack Harris (47) and Chris Willey (38) all batted well and the target became increasingly academic. It was a nervy end that saw three wickets fall for the last 10 runs but Cowbridge eventually got to safety.

It is early days yet but the visit of Dafen to the Athletic Ground on Saturday already assumes some importance in the club's challenge for the promotion spot.

The second XI, under Jon Smart, enjoyed an eight wicket win over Porthcawl.

The visitors batted first and were dismissed for 114. Cowbridge's opening bowlers John Gilbert and Heath Webb both took three wickets. Will Harris and Lewis Sevenoaks bowling also caught the eye before Ian Evans claimed two to wrap up the innings.

Debutant David Gascoyne (67 not out) and Jonty Webb (38) put Cowbridge well on the way to victory which was achieved in the 20th over.

It was an excellent victory that suggests that after a couple of difficult seasons the second XI might be a force in the months to come. **JRB**

Tredegar Farmers' Point-to-Point takes place next Sunday

THE inaugural running of the Welsh Long Distance Men's Open Race, over three miles and five furlongs, will take place at the Tredegar Farmers Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechases over the popular Lower Machen Racecourse next Sunday.

There are 16 entries and these include the legendary *Rosies Peacock,* who chalked-up another win at the Banwen Miners Hunt Steeplechases on May Day Bank Holiday Monday when beating the favourite *Cygnet* by a length in an exciting finish.

BoyFromNowhere, a former inmate of Rebecca Curtis' yard, who was a first fence faller in that race is also entered. Others include *C Me In Oz*, a two lengths winner of the restricted race at the Glamorgan, *Fence Me In, Sheriff Hutton* and *Thomas Junior.*

Racing gets under way at 2pm with the Subara Restricted race and of the 21 entries, *Shanks A Lot, Sandeel Bay* and *Glenteeneasaigh*, who was an eight lengths' winner under Welsh champion John Mathias of the open maiden race at the Tivyside and Carmarthen meeting catch the eye.

This eight-year-old grey gelding made all the running on that occasion and can do so again this time.

There are just eight entries for the confined race run over a distance of two-and-a-half miles and these include *Captain Camelot*, a six lengths winner of the restricted at the South Pembrokeshire and *Nicholasville,* who lost his maiden tag when winning at the West Wales area meeting in January and who won a restricted under 16-year-old Lorcan Williams at the Ystrad Taf Fechan when beating *Princess Tina* by six lengths and *Mr Sawyer*.

The 17 entries for the ladies' open race include recent winners *Patricktom Boru* and *Highly Unlikely*.

Others of note include *Harpsy Cord, Lauberhorn* who, like *Watch The Birdie*, has proved disappointing this season, *Bay Central* and *Get It On*.

There are 10 horses down to face the starter in the open maiden over two-and-half miles for four, five and six-year-olds, and Roger Willcox will be hoping that his *Another Stella*, who finished a distance behind *Live For To Day* at the Glamorgan, will have made some improvement since then.

Steel Native, Basher Brian and *Tinctoria* are three others that are entered.

Of the 28 down to run in the open maiden race, Sarah Price's nine-year-old chestnut gelding *An Cor,* who has found one too good for him in his last three or four starts, should be given one more chance.

Earth Tremor, Family Crisis, The Mobile Man and *Cool Valley* are also down to run in this race.

Contact Brian Lee on 02920 736438.

Faletau earns writers' award

RUGBY'S 'Mr Consistency', Dragons' Taulupe Faletau, has been voted player of the year by Welsh rugby scribes, with another ever-present in the Wales national squad, Jamie Roberts (Harlequins) the runner-up.

In a ballot, they selected Blues' Ellis Jenkins as most promising player in Wales, with Ospreys' Sam Davies runner-up.

Their choice for best player in Premiership was Ronnie Kynes of Ebbw Vale, with Rhodri Davies, of Llandovery, the runner-up.

The prestigious awards will be presented at the 42nd annual dinner of the Welsh Rugby Writers' Association in Cardiff on September 1. **DON JOHN**

Heavy defeat for Millwood bowling team

VISITING Dinas Powys for this Carruthers Cup game, Millwood Bowls Club came up against a dominant team who won the game by a very hefty 50 shots, 101-51.

At the fifth end, Millwood found that they had a tough game ahead as they were trailing by 12 shots to 25.

Unfortunately the game swung even further away from Millwood at the 10th end because Dinas Powys had taken a 24 shot lead by leading 27-51.

After the 15th end, things had become a real battle for Millwood to even try to make any impression on the scores, as Dinas Powys had taken a 37-75 lead, a massive 38 shot difference.

Playing the game to the 21st and final end, Millwood tried to make a difference but all to no avail. Dinas Powys piled even more pressure on Millwood to finally take the game by a 50 shot difference.

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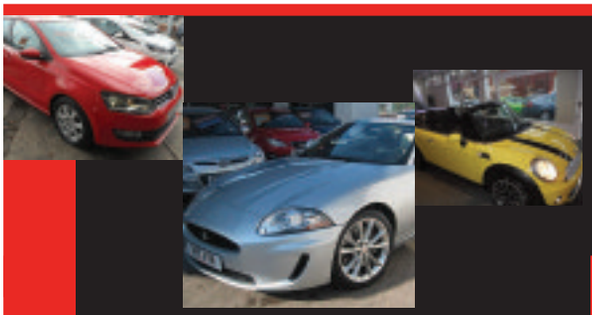

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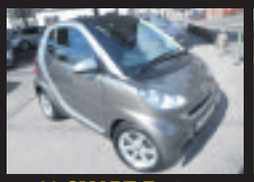

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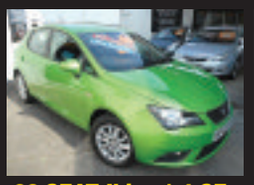

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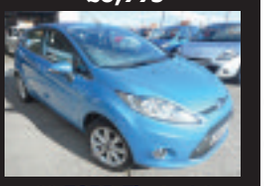

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A grading success for Barry YMCA gymnasts

TEN YMCA Barry gymnasts were delighted when they passed their British gradings recently.

To pass their grading, the gymnasts had to perform a series of skills during routines on vaults, bars, beam, floor and range and conditioning.

Four gymnasts successfully passed their first grading during the South Central Area Grades.

Hana Davies took part in the In Age event where she gained a distinction in grade 6. She also won medals for placing first on vault, second on range and floor, second on beam and a sixth place ribbon on bars.

She also claimed the overall silver medal, securing a coveted space representing the South Central area at the Welsh Grade 6 Finals where she helped the team to second place and a respectable individual seventh place overall.

Daisy Hill, Lacey Williams and Ruby Price all took part in the Out of Age grade 6 event. They all gained highly commended.

There was also success for each of them on individual apparatus with Daisy claiming third on beam, fifth on floor, Lacey gaining fifth on vault, fourth on range and fifth on beam and Ruby came sixth on beam, fifth on range, sixth on bars and an overall position of sixth place. The team of Daisy, Lacey and Ruby were also crowned the team champions.

In the Out of Age Grade 5 category Chloe Williams and Yazmin Michael both gained highly commended.

Chloe also was crowned the overall champion with fifth on bars, third beam and second on floor. Yazmin also achieved the individual third overall, third on bars, first on beam and fifth on range.

Ruby Karim worked hard to gain the skills required to pass her Grade 4 and her hard work was rewarded when she gained her pass.

Celyn Powell and Sophia Foscolo both learnt new skills to achieve highly commended in their grade 3 whilst Bria Karim's dedication paid dividends when she gained a highly commended in her grade 2.

Congratulations to all gymnasts and thank you to all of the coaches at YMCA Barry for their hard work and dedication to the gymnasts, and for giving up their time to judge and coach at the events.

To find out further information regarding the opportunities available at YMCA Barry for children, young people and adults please call 01446 724000.

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Great Billy Boston joins League Hall of Fame

WALES rugby league legend Billy Boston has at last received what he's wanted for most of his life – a Welsh cap.

The 81-year old was in attendance at the recent inaugural Wales rugby league Hall of Fame dinner, where he, along with fellow Cardiffian Gus Risman became the first two inductees.

Due to a lack of professional Welsh rugby players at the time of Boston's career, there were only three Wales games played during that period – two full internationals against France and one exhibition game against France B. Boston was injured for the first two but did play in the France B game.

Boston, who scored 571 tries in 564 appearances his career, the second highest all-time try scorer in the history of the game after Brian Bevan, was capped 31 times for Great Britain scoring 24 tries. He was the first non-white player to be selected to tour Australia and New Zealand.

Wales Rugby League's president Mike Nicholas paid tribute to Billy Boston on the night.

Nicholas said: "I had two big heroes when I grew up, one was John Charles and one was Billy Boston. They were people's players, they travelled on the bus to games and they were very much of the people and Billy was one of the reasons that I got into rugby league.

"I was privileged to be at Wembley when they unveiled the statue of Billy, Gus and the other players and I'm delighted to induct him into the Wales rugby league hall of fame."

Nicholas presented Boston with his Hall of Fame trophy while former Wales player and coach Iestyn Harris presented him with his Welsh cap.

Boston then presented Warrington and Wales star twins Rhys and Ben Evans with their 2013 Welsh caps that they hadn't yet received, and also to Morgan Knowles, who won his first cap last year in the European Championships.

Gus Risman, who died in 1994 aged 83, was represented by his son John, who played for Wales in the 1970s.

Mike Nicholas and Billy Boston (Picture by David Walker).

Winner of 18 Welsh caps, he also won 17 Great Britain caps, captaining the 1946 'Indomitable' tourists of Australia, and guested for England in a promotional international in France.

In total Gus's playing career reads 828 appearances, 203 tries, 1,623 goals, 3,855 points.

John Risman said: "Thank you very much on behalf of my father. It's a wonderful acknowledgement to his career. He was a fervent Welshman and enjoyed every minute of his involvement with Wales Rugby League. He would have been truly honoured and delighted with this."

Gus Risman's award was presented to John by Wales Rugby League chairman Brian Juliff who played alongside John for Wales.

Juliff said: "Just to see Billy Boston with us tonight is such a pleasure. It was fantastic to honour him and Gus Risman as our first two hall of fame inductees.

"I'm good friends with his son John and I had great pleasure with presenting John with his father's award. Also, to have the current Wales side here as the European Champions, made it an amazing night."

Most of the 2015 Wales squad were in attendance and they were presented with their winners medals from their successful 2015 European Championship campaign where they beat Ireland, Scotland and France to win the trophy.

Wales coach John Kear said: "They didn't have a formal medal presentation last year after the European Championship, and we felt that after all the effort that the players put in, they deserved this. I'd like to thank the Wales Rugby League governing body and the sponsors for organising the night.

"We at Wales Rugby League, like to create a professional environment that rewards people, but it's about making memories and playing for the pride of your country, not about what goes in your bank balance.

"The players' commitment last year was phenomenal, and when you're sat in a room with Billy Boston and you remember Gus Risman and what these great players have done, you feel very humble. It's a privilege to be a part of Wales Rugby League and this was a special night."

Wales captain Craig Kopczak was awarded the trophy for the Welsh international Player of the Year for 2015.

Kopczak said: "Winning the European Championship was a fantastic achievement this was for Wales. I feel privileged to captain Wales and represent my country. It's a real honour to win something like this.

"We're getting stronger and stronger and I'm sure there's bigger things to come for Wales with the World Cup just around the corner."

Wales take on Serbia on Saturday, October 15, at Parc Stebonheath, Llanelli in the first game of their 2017 Rugby League World Cup qualifying campaign.

Tickets will be available soon from http://www.walesrugbyleague.co.uk/wales/match_tickets.

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Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for April 26:

1st Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaughan 66.32%; 2nd Noelle Bond & Mike Close 62.85%; 3rd Debbie & Simon Richards 54.51%. Helen Jordan and Judith Owen won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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More Cup success for youth team!

ON Wednesday, Cowbridge RFC youth travelled to Taffs Well for their second of three cup finals, against St. Peters, only four days after their Welsh Cup win.

Seven changes were made to the starting line-up with George Thomas replacing Craig Boxall at prop, James Holder starting in place of brother Dan, and a new half back combination of Adam Dix and Ash Thomas combined with a new centre partnership of Joe Nott and Dan Bunney and Harrison Stephens coming in on the wing.

Cowbridge kicked off playing right to left. Right from the start the Cowbridge forwards showed that they were up for the game.

They pressurised the St Peters team in wave upon wave of positive defence. On the five minute mark a defensive line out for St. Peters was stolen by George Thomas and he charged over for the opening try with the successful conversion by Ash Thomas following.

St Peters had beaten Cardiff Met to reach the East District Final so a tough game lay ahead. Cowbridge could not take anything for granted.

Unfortunately that seemed to be exactly what they did. On 10 minutes St Peters launched an attack through their impressive 12 who broke a few tackles but was held short of the line, a quick ruck and the ball went out to the St Peters winger who crossed for an unconverted try, 7-5.

Unfortunately the trend continued and Cowbridge conceded penalties at the breakdown. St Peters took advantage and with a quick penalty got the ball to the speedy 14 who crossed with a great individual effort, 7-10.

Cowbridge then regrouped and a great break from Nott at 12 led to a long pass to Stephens on the right wing led to Cowbridge's second try in the corner, 12-10.

From the restart, some good play from Ed Drake and Joe Davies led to a penalty with Ash Thomas kicking to corner. From the line out Cowbridge were awarded a penalty which was taken quickly but unfortunately was knocked on and this allowed St Peters to clear their line.

From the resulting Cowbridge lineout, Dan Bunny broke the St Peters defence and offloaded to hooker Tom Evans for a try in corner after 25 minutes; Ash Thomas converted to make it 19-10.

The Cowbridge defence had now found its feet and started to soak up some pressure with a much better defensive effort.

James Holder made a great break and drive to the line but unfortunately support was slow and Holder was held up.

However, from the resultant scrum Cowbridge took against the head and Scott Griffith picked up and ran blind; good phase play led to Ed Drake rumbling over for 24-10 on 35 minutes.

Cowbridge started the second half in the way they had finished the first. Joe Nott made a good break but unfortunately handling errors gave St Peters the opportunity to clear their line.

Second row Matt Lock sustained a hip injury and was replaced by Jack Anderson. His partner in the second row, Aaron Bowman, had been impressive from the start and carried exceptionally well.

Another good break by No 8 Griffith from scrum led to a penalty near line and Joe Davies was over from another set of rucks to make it 29-10 on 50 minutes

St Peters came back at Cowbridge and went through the phases but great defence held them out. Tom Evans was replaced at hooker by Craig Boxall.

Cowbridge kept on attacking through Joe Davies and Boxall but were kept out. On 55 minutes Ash Thomas made a break from 50 metres out and rounded the full back to score a great individual try to make it 36-10.

With several changes, both benches emptied, and Cowbridge introduced Luke John, Mike Dobbins, Josh Brace, Hywel Williams, Jon Nexmand and finally Zac Summerhaze to the fray. The game opened up and a from a cheeky kick off St Peters won the resultant ruck and fed left wing to score to make it 36-15.

Good play by both teams created end to end stuff, and just as the final whistle approached, some good interplay by St Peters saw them launch a 80 metre attack for their right wing score in corner, to make the final score 36-22.

Cowbridge youth would like to thank the East District Union for their continued support of youth rugby and Taffs Well RFC for their hospitality.

Cowbridge youth play Pontypridd youth at home this Saturday, 2.30 kick off, on the Police Field and then travel for their last final of the season to Cardiff Arms Park on May 11, kick off 7pm (TBC, please check club website).

The firsts travel to Cefn Coed this Saturday and will be looking to get back to winning ways following a couple of disappointing results. On Tuesday, May 10, we play Abercwmboi at home, kick off 7pm - all support welcome.

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Cowbridge year 9 pupils are crowned basketball champions

On Friday, April 22, the Cardiff and Vale School Basketball Association ran its annual finals day.

In each year group the top two teams from the leagues met in a winner takes all final to determine the champion. Two Cowbridge teams, the Year 8s and Year 9s, had fought their way to a place at the finals. The Year 8 team was there for the first time. The Year 9 team won the final the year before and were keen to retain their title.

The Year 8 team tipped off first against Vale rivals St Richard Gwyn. Both schools fielded squads primarily made up of players from the Vale Basketball team, the Vale Vipers. They had also met earlier in the year with Cowbridge narrowly beating a depleted St Richard Gwyn team.

The game was close in the first quarter with each team scoring 10 points each via a balanced attack. In the second quarter, however, Cowbridge struggled to find an answer for the strategic defensive play of their opponents and only managed to score one point while St Richard Gwyn rattled off four quick baskets.

The rest of the game was again a tight affair but after Cowbridge's star player, captain Adam Duncan, fouled out in the third quarter, Cowbridge struggled to find the resources it needed to overcome the deficit it faced. They battled with everything they had until the final whistle but ultimately fell short.

The Year 9 team were similarly up against a Vale rival for their final. Barry Boys Comprehensive were the success story of the season in the Vale. After struggling mightily last season they reintroduced themselves this year as a new beast, led by six Vale Viper players.

However, in the Vale league fixture earlier in the season the Cowbridge side had proved to be too experienced for Barry, winning 41-26 in January.

After both teams scored a few initial points Cowbridge took the game by the scruff of the neck at the end of the first quarter and rushed ahead, 10-4.

This continued in the second quarter with Cowbridge ending the half up 19-10 and feeling confident. Early foul trouble for starting centre Adam Durrant, however, became a big issue midway through the third quarter.

Without him to patrol the paint Barry went on a scoring spree and brought the Cowbridge lead right down to two points, a single basket.

With his team facing one of its toughest challenges yet, captain Tom Apjohn-Williams decided it was time to take over. In the dying seconds of the quarter he drove inside and scored, restoring some order to the game and sending Cowbridge into the final break feeling like they had weathered the storm.

When the fourth quarter began Tom carried on where he left off, attacking the Barry defence fearlessly, either scoring baskets himself or creating opportunities for his teammates.

By this point Barry had little left, the mental toll of fighting back from nine points down, only to concede a large lead again, proved a heavy burden.

Jamie Owen and Alex Oldham finished off the game for Cowbridge scoring decisive baskets. A late Barry three pointer trimmed the lead a little but Cowbridge ultimately triumphed 36-31.

The season isn't over yet for Cowbridge. On May 7 both boys and girls Key Stage 3 teams head to Swansea to play in the national school finals. Both teams were victorious in the south Wales finals and are looking to declare themselves as king of the Welsh hills next month.

Year 8 team: Adam Duncan, Robbie Hawkins, Kate Floyd, Nicole Yip, Maddie Rooney, Connie Wood, Phoebe Lee, Vivian Yip. Year 9 team: Tom Apjohn-Williams, Jamie Owen, Will Marsden, Alex Oldham, Adam Durrant, Rory James, Jess Gregory, Joel Carter, Sophie Hawkins, Iwan Apjohn-Williams, Ollie Piper, Nathan Milani.

COWBRIDGE DARTS LEAGUE NEWS

ON Tuesday, April 26, the first round of matches in the League Challenge Cup was played.

At the Edmondes Arms, the Edmondes B beat the Highwayman Inn 6-4, Edmondes C defeated the Farmers B (H&H) 6-3 and the Old Post Ladies 6-1, while the Farmers B (H&H) won 6-0 against the Old Post Ladies. Simon Reader (Farmers B (H&H) hit a 180.

The games were much closer at the Farmers Arms. The game between the Farmers Arms and the Six Bells Inn ended 5-5. The Edmondes A lost 2-6 against the Farmers Arms and defeated the Six Bells Inn 6-4.

Next Tuesday, May 10, the second round of matches in the League Challenge Cup will be played. The Edmondes B, Six Bells Inn and Edmondes C will be playing at the Six Bells Inn.

The Highwayman Inn, Edmondes A and Farmers B (H&H) will be playing at Highwayman Inn, while the Old Post Ladies and Farmers Arms will be playing at the Farmers Arms.

The evening of darts starts at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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